

EHS Saves – Working Together to be the Best by any Measure

We make the world measurably better. At CoorsTek, we recognize how important environmental, health, and safety (EHS) is to our business and to our world. We operate in a manner that responsibly protects the health and safety of our employees and customers, the environment, and the communities in which we work.

We have implemented an EHS system to focus on three key tenants: Identifying Risk, Managing Risk, and Enhancing Performance. We continue to improve our EHS performance by streamlining our processes throughout the company and adding value to our business by providing more effective programs.

We pool our EHS resources to maximize our knowledge base and effectiveness. Meeting on a regular basis, we share ideas to improve EHS programs, enhance training, and take proactive and corrective actions on incidents and near misses. We provide corporate sponsorship of resource-led research and implementation of best-practice methods for specific EHS tasks company-wide.

- **Task Manager.** The EHS team completed implementation of an electronic tool to ensure EHS-related tasks are identified and managed. Tasks may include regulatory reporting, mandated and voluntary inspections, training requirements, and other system or program requirements. A centralized database and schedule for the many tasks required to maintain compliance and improve performance helps to ensure timely completion and the sharing of best-practice methods. This program has already improved our management of EHS requirements and will lead to an even safer, more compliant workplace.
- **Operational Excellence.** Many of our EHS resources are trained Lean Manufacturing and Six Sigma Green or Black Belts under our signature OpX™ program. We apply these principles to many EHS-related functions and continue to see tremendous results. Successes to date include a significant reduction of hazardous chemicals, installation of a robust EHS auditing system, improved communication programs, better-organized emergency drills, a more effective training program for employees, and a major renovation of a wastewater treatment system.
- **Training.** We completely revamped and centralized our EHS training tools to include an easily understood, highly visual, hands-on guide – providing our employees with confidence that they are equipped to work safely and operate in a manner that protects the environment.
- **Waste.** We actively manage and track waste streams and share & implement best-practice methods to mitigate any impact on the environment. CoorsTek not only complies with complex waste regulations, we constantly seek new ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste.
- **Aspects & Impacts.** We employ a robust process to identify and communicate the aspects and impacts of our manufacturing activities to effectively manage EHS risk. Our EHS risks are posted on the manufacturing floor at the point of operation, in simple color-coded flowcharts, using easy-to-understand instructions, enabling employees to easily see and access relevant information at all times. Because it is a key communication and training tool for all employees, we view this program as integral to our continued EHS awareness and success.

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