

## Safety & Health Huddle #32 – Respiratory Protection/ PIT Questions/ Immunizations



### What can we do to minimize airborne particulates?

- 1) Keeping all areas clean is a key concern at our plant. ***(general dust contains silica, which is one of our major concerns)*** Keeping your area clean will minimize dust being airborne.
- 2) During non-routine tasks, if excess dust is generated, stop immediately and notify your supervisor so necessary precautions can be implemented.
- 3) **Do NOT use pressurized air** as a primary cleaning method.
- 4) Report all dust leaks or material leakage points as soon as possible.
- 5) Ensure that the Dust Collection systems in your areas are working properly.
- 6) Dust masks are available in the stockroom for your use as the need arises.

### **Power Industrial Trucks**

- PIT/Forklift operators are required to wear steel toe ankle high boots.
- PIT/Forklift operators always need forklift license accessible if they don't have one  
**PLEASE LET SAFETY KNOW**
- Pedestrians are required to stay 3 feet back/away from powered industrial trucks
- Lift truck drivers should always look in the direction of travel and always drive in reverse when their view is obstructed
- Lift truck drivers are required to always lower their attachment no more than 6-8 inches off the floor when traveling

- Directional lighting (headlights), and required auxiliary lighting (white or amber strobe light) provided for powered industrial truck will be turned on before driving
- Lift truck drivers should always lower their attachment, apply the parking brake, and turn off the ignition when they dismount their lift truck **operators use 3 points of contact**
- The seat belt should be in good condition and worn correctly? **TM's should be catching this on their daily PIT inspections if seat belt is not working tag out PIT and report issue to Safety or maintenance**
- Does each industrial truck have a warning horn, whistle, audible alarm, or other device that can be clearly heard above the normal noise in the operation area? **TM's should be inspecting audible alarms prior to driving/operating PIT**
- When filling LP cylinders are team members wearing correct PPE, and is it inspected before use?



### **Health and Wellness – Huddle #32 Immunizations**

The need for vaccinations doesn't stop when you become an adult. Adult vaccinations, just like childhood immunizations, are important for lifelong good health. Your health care provider is the best source of information about the vaccinations you need. Here's some examples: **Flu shots – annual, Pneumococcal- every 5 years, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Td, Tdap) Vaccine- every 10 years, Shingles- if over 60 years old**