## In Plant Rail Safety

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this program is to make all employees aware of the proper procedures and the dangers involved with an In Plant Rail system.

1. **General Safety**

* If your work location is within six feet of a rail system, you must receive permission from the rail Supervisor or designated person and the rail system must be taken out of service.
* In all cases, employees and pedestrians will only cross rails at designated crossings.
* Vehicle crossings are not intended and should not be used as pedestrian crossings unless they specifically state that pedestrian crossing is safe and when no other pedestrian crossings exist in the area.

1. **Rail Crossing Safety**

If there are no pedestrian crossings or vehicle crossings and one must cross a rail system, the following rules must be followed.

* Do not cross within 10ft of the end of a parked rail car.
* Do not cross between uncoupled cars.
* Stop, look and listen prior to proceeding across the tracks.
* Never step on the rails as they are typically very slippery.
* Do not crawl under rail equipment.
* Do not climb over moving rail equipment.
* Never attempt to cross in front of moving rail equipment.
* Never position your body or any part of your body in a potential pinch point. Rail equipment can move in either direction at any time.

1. **PPE in Designated Areas**

Approved PPE shall be worn in the designated rail area to include the following:

* Hard hat
* Gloves
* Safety glasses with permanently attached side shields
* High visibility vest
* Metatarsal boots

1. **Training**

Managers, supervisors, and employees shall receive appropriate training for the complexity of the job prior to performing work. Training shall include the following:

* Proper procedures for working on or near an In Plant Rail system.
* Proper use and care of any PPE which may be required to perform work.
* While performing work periodic review of the hazard assessment.
* An assessment will be conducted to ensure that all personnel have the skills and knowledge to complete the job effectively and safely.
* Retraining will commence immediately should unsafe or improper work habits be observed.
* All training will be documented.