

Allied News

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Safety Topic

The holidays bring activities like shopping, cooking, decorating, and travel that bring friends and families together. The joy, fun, food and celebrations forth coming also bring a different set of potential dangers as safety hazards. We encourage you to continue your safety focus during the holidays like wearing safety glasses when hanging and removal of decorations, use of safe practices for climbing on ladders, inspecting extension cords prior to use, parking in well lighted areas while shopping at night and maintaining awareness of your surroundings at all times.

Nuclear Safety Topic

Traits of a Healthy Nuclear Safety Culture – This quarter we will focus on a Questioning Attitude

Nuclear is Recognized as Special and Unique: Individuals understand that complex technologies can fail in unpredictable ways.

A Few Behavior Examples:

- a. Individuals recognize the special characteristics and unique hazards of nuclear technology, including radioactive byproducts, concentration of energy in the core, and decay heat.
- b. Individuals recognize the particular importance of features designed to maintain critical safety functions, such as core and spent fuel cooling.

Challenge the Unknown: Individuals stop when faced with uncertain conditions. Risks are evaluated and managed before proceeding.

A Few Behavior Examples:

- a. Individuals maintain a questioning attitude during prejob briefings and job-site reviews to identify and resolve unexpected conditions.
- b. Individuals stop work activities when confronted with an unexpected condition, communicate with supervisors, and resolve the condition prior to continuing work activities. When appropriate, individuals consult system and equipment experts.

Challenge Assumptions: Individuals challenge assumptions and offer opposing views when they think something is not correct.

A Few Behavior Examples:

- a. Leaders solicit challenges to assumptions when evaluating nuclear safety issues.