NEW PRODUCT SUPPORT

REQUIREMENTS:

NUCLEUS OF EXPERTISE FOR EARLY DELIVERIES.

DIRECT FIELD SUPPORT FROM PLANTS.

ADEQUATE TRAINING.

EQUIPMENT.

COURSE OF STUDY.

PERSONNEL SELECTION.

ORGANIZED INSTALLATION PLAN.

COORDINATED MARKET PENETRATION.

LOGISTICS SUPPORT.

REALITIES:

LITTLE OR NO EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE.

COMPROMISED FIELD PREPARATION.

INTENSE MARKETING PRESSURE TO DELIVER "AS IS".

ENG. CHANGE RATE ACCELERATES WITH "IMPROVED FIELD TESTING".

INERTIA, LATENCY, DISPARITY BETWEEN PLANT CHANGE LEVEL (CURRENT) AND FIELD CHANGE LEVEL (BEHIND).

PEAK DEMAND FOR PLANT ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OCCURS EXACTLY WHEN PLANT IS (SHOULD BE) PREOCCUPIED WITH PRODUCT IMPROVEMENTS IN PLANT.

RECOMMENDATION:

ENLARGE ON THE SUCCESS OF THE APP:

PLANNING

DEVELOP TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

PROGRAM DEPLOYMENT

FIELD IMPLEMENTATION

PLANNING:

GROUP: F.E. PRODUCT MGR. DEVELOPS

NEW PRODUCT PROGRAM.

DIVISION: TECHNICAL STAFF ADAPTS

PROGRAM TO UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DIVISION.

CONSULTS WITH GROUP TO

RESOLVE ISSUES.

DEVELOP TECHNICAL EXPERTISE:

GROUP: RECOMMEND NUMBER OF ASSIGNMENTS,
SCHEDULE, BASED ON MAGNITUDE OF
PROGRAM.

DIVISION: ASSIGN SPECIALIST TEAM TO PLANT

DURING PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT.

UNDER GUIDANCE OF TIO DIVISION

TEAM WILL PREPARE FOR NEW

PRODUCT DELIVERIES THEIR DIVISION.

APP
FIRST TRAINING
SUPPORT

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT:

GROUP: MONITOR PROGRAM.

ENSURE ADHERENCE TO AGREED PROGRAM.

ACTION AS REQUIRED.

DIVISION: TEAM TO ORGANIZE AREA PARTICIPANTS,

SUBSIDIARY TECH SECTIONS, REGIONAL

SUPPORT TEAMS FOR MAXIMUM SUPPORT

DURING EARLY PRODUCT LIFE.

FIELD IMPLEMENTATION:

DIVISION: TEAM TO BE CONTINUALLY AVAILABLE
AS PLANT ASSISTANCE TO THEIR

DIVISION FOR DIFFICULT INSTALLATIONS.

TEAM TO CLOSELY MONITOR PRODUCT ACTIVITIES THEIR DIVISION.

NOTE PROPER USE OF SUPPORT RESOURCES.

EXPEDITE PROBLEM SOLUTION THRU DISSEMINATION OF NEW TECHNICAL INFORMATION.

CONDUCT SEMINARS AS REQUIRED.

SUMMARIZE PRODUCT PERFORMANCE PROBLEMS FOR PROMPT INPUT TO FETO/TIO/M & E.

ENSURE EARLY FIELD SUCCESS.

WHY DO THIS?

TIO/MSA CONCEPTS CONTINUE TO EVOLVE.

IMPRACTICAL TO EXPAND PERMANENT FETO STAFF TO COPE WITH PEAK LOADS.

THOSE THAT HELP THEMSELVES GET THE MOST HELP.

HOW TO DO THIS?

ASSIGN TEAM TO THE PLANT FOR APPROX. 1 YEAR.

TIMING START WITH ENG. TOI.

STOP WITH PRODUCT MATURITY.

(6 MONTHS AFTER FIRST SHIPMENTS)

THEN ROTATE TEAM TO RESPONSIBLE FIELD POSITIONS WITHIN DIVISION.

CONTINUE THIS CYCLE WITH FRESH TEAMS FOR OTHER NEW PRODUCTS.

WHEN TO DO THIS?

FOR MAJOR NEW PRODUCT PROGRAMS.

ACTIONS:

INTERFACE WITH TIO TO DEVELOP DETAILS.

AGREEMENT EXISTS ON CONCEPT.

REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED.

INTERFACE WITH PLANTS TO OBTAIN CONCURRENCE.
NPSP WILL IMPACT PLANT FACILITIES.

IMPROVE COORDINATED SCHEDULING WITH PRODUCT MANAGEMENT.