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Valuing Our Lives Through Safety

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Since the early 80s, the Intermountain Power Project has evolved and reconfigured many of its safety aspects. Through improvements made to workplace practices, company policies, and process equipment, IPSC not only meets the industry standards but strives to surpass them.

Over the duration of an outage, many of IPSC's employees have the opportunity to perform tasks that require a high level of personal safety commitment. Through a well-managed safety process and the proper use of safeguards, employees at IPSC are provided with a level of protection from many of the inherent risks that are associated with electrical generation. Yet, because of human nature and everyone's personal level of risk assessment, it can be difficult to prevent accidents or injuries.

Here are a few questions to ask yourself while remembering the recent outage when everyone was heavily involved with their outage work.

- How often did I take risks that were higher than management would desire?

- How many employees do I feel understand the exposures they face in the work place?
- Do I know what is expected to work safely when I encounter a critical exposure?
- When would I intervene with a coworker if I saw a situation where exposure to injury is higher than desired?
- Are all exposures rated equally?

Over the course of the 2021 spring maintenance outage, there were 674 safety observations performed. During those 674 observations, 68 exposures were identified with 7 exposures determined to have potential for Significant Injury or Fatality (SIF). These fatal, life-threatening, or life-altering events are statistically rare, yet the potential for these types of incidents isn't rare. By focusing on the potential of these incidents occurring, we may be able to prevent them or—at the very least—reduce the severity of the incident.

One of the main functions of the VOLTS process is to help employees identify critical exposures by

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collecting information that is sampled from all areas of the plant. That information is compiled and a trend analysis is used to determine ways to control the exposure. Feedback is provided to employees through discussions to help control those exposures and support the strong, safety-minded culture that is needed to surpass the minimum standards of the industry. We help employees become more aware of the exposures to themselves and to others such as:

- Pinch Points
- Line of Fire
- Working at Heights
- Hazardous Chemicals
- Energy Source Isolated
- Confined Space

Through employee participation, we can reinforce the strong safety environment that

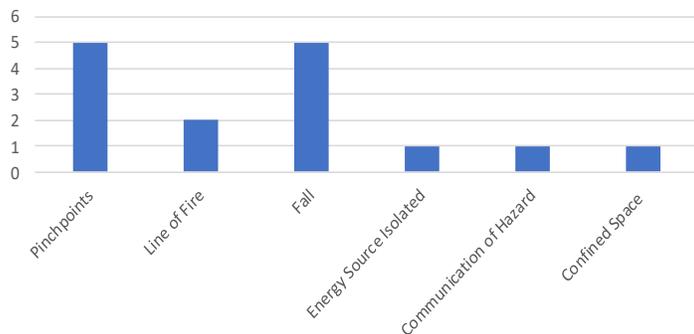
helps drive the success of IPSC and its employees. Keep the law of reciprocity in mind...in many social situations, we have a deep-rooted psychological urge to do something nice in return for a good gesture.

I encourage you do yourself a favor and ask a coworker in your area if they have been observed this month; if not, observe them. Once the observation is performed, have a genuine safety-minded conversation with them. This safety conversation may prove beneficial to your coworker and you by identifying a potential exposure or reassurance that they are performing the task safely.

What's your why for doing an observation? Remember that safety should be defined as controlling exposures for ourselves and for others.

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2021 Outage Number of Identified Critical Exposures



IPSC Employee Observation Quality



IPSC Employee Contact Rate

1.53

2121 Outage SIF Exposures

