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Attitude

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The outage is quickly approaching and it is important that we strive to keep a positive attitude about safety. If employees have the right safety attitude, then work during the outage should be accomplished without major incidents and injuries. We all want to go home each night to our families. Working safely and having a good safety attitude will help accomplish this goal.

Here are a few examples of what a safety attitude does not look or sound like.

- I'm going to do things my way. I know what I'm doing.
- I've always done it this way and I've never been hurt.
- I could do this job in my sleep.
- I don't have time to think about safety. I need to get this job done right now.
- I know a shortcut that will help me get done quicker.
- These safety rules aren't important. They certainly don't apply to me.
- This job is simple.
- I can figure this out myself. I don't need any help.

Being distracted can cause us to get hurt and can affect our attitude towards safety. Some common distractions that could affect us during the outage are:

- Getting too little sleep.
- Talking or texting on mobile devices.
- Coming to work ill.
- Coming to work under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Having your mind on something else.
- Being in too big of a hurry.
- Being angry or upset.
- Not paying close attention to what you're doing.
- Failing to check for nearby hazards.

Having a good safety attitude will look and sound like this:

- Doing the best job you can—not the fastest job you can.
- Being careful on the job and not engaging in horseplay.
- Staying focused on the task you're performing.
- Being on the lookout for potential hazards and reporting them to your supervisor as soon as possible.
- Taking precautions against hazards, such as using the PPE provided.

- Following all of the safety rules and paying close attention to warning signs.
- Thinking about the safety of your co-workers, as well as yourself.
- Taking responsibility for your own safety—including immediately reporting any injuries.
- Being willing to listen and learn.
- Attending all of your safety meetings and training sessions and being willing to participate.
- Asking questions about anything you don't understand or know how to do.
- Always putting safety first.

During this year's outage, please remember the Dos and Don'ts of safety.

- Do think about safety ALL the time.
- Do put safety ahead of rushing to get the job done.
- Do immediately report any injuries or incidents.
- Don't take shortcuts or engage in horseplay.
- Don't have the attitude that you never need any help.
- Don't fail to pay close attention to the task at hand.

