

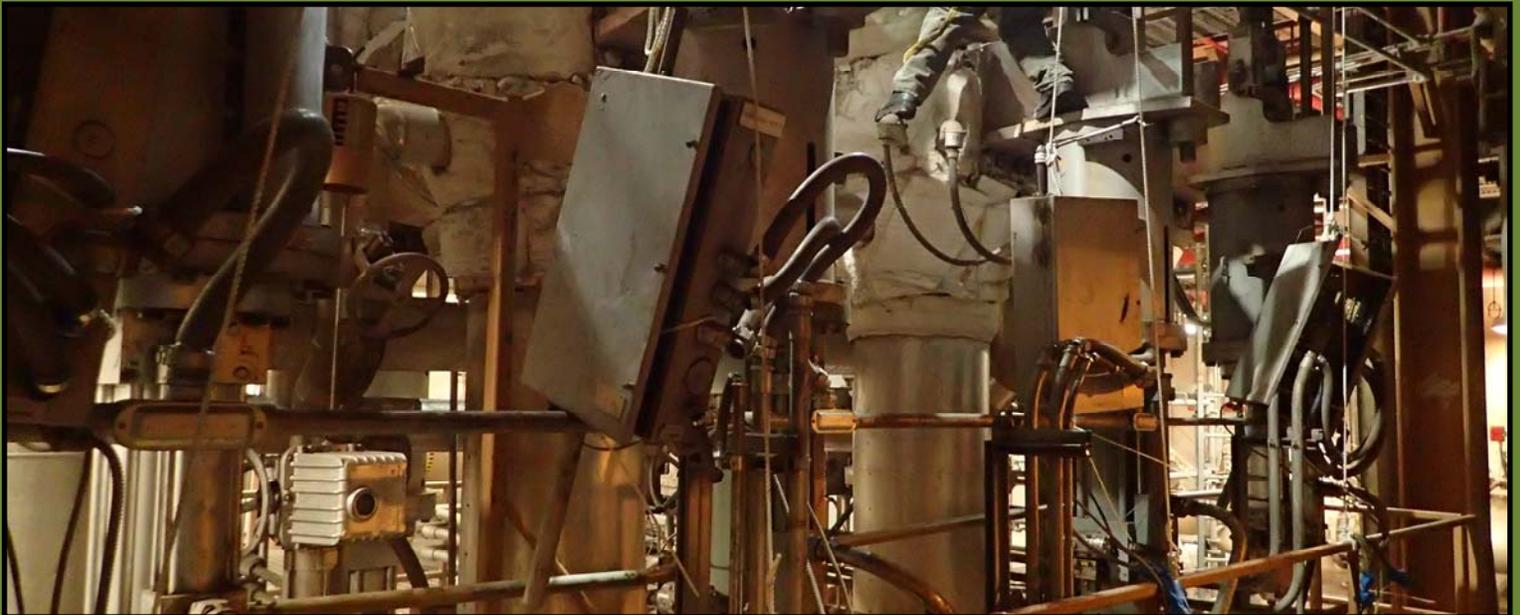
VOLTS Newsletter

VALUING OUR LIVES THROUGH SAFETY

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We Made It!

The 2018 Spring Outage at IPSC is in the history books. A lot of good work was completed during this outage with only eight employee injuries reported. There were no OSHA recordable or lost-time injuries. Wouldn't it be great if someday we could make it completely through an outage without any injuries whatsoever? We came pretty close this year. Each person who was injured realizes there is always room for improvement until we are able to reach the point where no one is injured during an outage.

Please continue to perform your observations and practice giving appropriate feedback to the observee. Keep in mind that the observation is ultimately intended to help the observee work in a safer manner and to return home without injury after each shift.

We are close to meeting the fiscal-year goal of having an average of 750 observations completed each month. In February there were 683 observations completed, and in March

there were 845 observations completed. The tentative number for April is 688 observations completed. This makes the average for the 2017-2018 fiscal year 761 observations completed. Remember, the goal of **750** observations each month is tied to the performance incentive. This is one of the items on the incentive that is in our control to achieve.

In order to reach this goal, the number of observations completed in May and June will need to increase. Thank you for all you do to keep you and your coworkers safe. Keep up the good work.



While looking for ideas for the VOLTS newsletter, I was given this little tidbit of information about lifting/lowering, twisting, pushing/pulling, and ergonomics. The information came from Ken Crafts. I think it is best summed up in his own words. "If you don't want to end up with a worn-out back and body like mine, then use the cranes and other mechanical means of lifting heavy objects. Don't try to muscle everything together. This will ruin your back. Work smarter, not harder." Well said Ken. We appreciate the advice given to us by people who have experience. Now we

need to implement the good advice into our everyday lives.

From the March and April VOLTS Steering Committee meetings, one of the topics suggested for the newsletter was cell phone use at work. This falls under the definition of Eyes on Path and also Eyes and Hands on Task.

“In the past decade, cell phone usage while driving has sprang up as a major driving safety issue in the United States and many other developed countries. Originally, teens were the primary target of anti-texting and driving campaigns, but now that cell phone usage is standard amongst a multitude of demographics, the issue has become broader and is impacting a larger population.

“While the majority of major accidents come from distracted driving, workers on foot should not use cell phones in or around a work site, as they risk placing themselves in danger while distracted. A worker who isn’t paying attention to where their footsteps are taking them might accidentally walk into a vehicle path or another material hazard.”

<https://www.safetyblognews.com/cell-phone-workplace-safety/>

This was brought to light a year or so ago. While driving one of the 854 coal dozers past Coal Transfer 1 in the Coal Yard, an IPSC Fuel Equipment Operator was paying close attention when one of the temporary employees walked right out in front of him. The temporary employee was so busy using his/her cell phone that he/she didn’t even notice that he/she was walking right into the path of the dozer. Luckily,

the operator was watching and had enough time to stop the dozer. Please pay attention to your surroundings. This could happen to anyone who is not paying attention and is focused on his/her cell phone. We are all guilty of it and have witnessed several instances when a call or text becomes so important that we think it needs to be taken care of immediately. During the outage, the work days last longer. Some people don’t take any days off making it hard to conduct personal business. At times it is hard to put calls off until break. If it can’t wait until break or lunch, then it is recommended to find a safe area out of the way to take care of your personal business.

In PAI #206, Section 4.0 it says, “Cell phones may be used in the shop or production areas of the plant provided that the individual moves to a safe location before use.” In the same PAI, it also states that cell phones are never to be used while on the move—either walking or driving. A safe place should be located before using a cell phone. To make a call while driving a vehicle, a hands-free setup must be used. It is prohibited to dial by hand while driving.



We have been very fortunate at IPSC to be able to use our cell phones while at work. Take a proactive approach about cell phone use and safety. Let’s keep each other safe while on the job and enjoy the privileges that our modern cell phones afford us.

The VOLTS definitions spotlighted this month are for Environment.

6.0	<i>Environment</i>	
6.1	<i>Walking/Working Surfaces</i>	Is the surface from which a task is being performed stable, level, solid, and provides good traction? Is it free of slip and/or trip hazards? Does the person make an unstable surface dry and solid before walking, standing, or working on them? Does the person use walkway provided for access to working area and avoid short cuts, uneven and slippery surfaces?
6.2	<i>Housekeeping/Storage</i>	Is the work area kept clear of debris and loose objects? Does person maintain workspace in a neat and orderly condition? Does person clean and organize work area before departing? Does the person place equipment, tools, supplies, and materials to avoid creating clutter or obstructions in work area?