

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S QUOTE:

Unconventional Wisdom says, *"the Break it Thinker is one who learns to expect the unexpected, savor those 'light bulbs' when they appear, and act on them".*

(From the book "If it Ain't Broke Break It" by Robert J. Kriegel, Ph.D, a former All-American athlete and sports psychologist (mental coach for U.S. Olympic team). *Something to Think About...* ~ Gary D. Fournier

ADAMS STREET OPERATIONS

Trickling Filter Pump Station Isolation Valve Replacement

The North Hudson Sewerage Authority initiated capital improvements to replace aged and non-operational valves. The work was part of a project that included the rehabilitation of Primary Clarifier #1 and a change order for structural repairs to Purac Cell #5. The work was performed under contract by Rapid Pump & Meter Company of Paterson, NJ. This was straight-forward in that the valves were to be replaced "in-kind", meaning that there was not a large amount of engineering work needed to retrofit them. The real challenge for this was the fact the work area was unable to be isolated from the waste stream during construction so the facility would need to be taken off-line while work was performed. Due to the finite holding capacity of two empty clarifiers, nighttime work was scheduled to take advantage of the low plant flows, thus increasing the available work time. Through the careful coordination and monitoring of the contractor, CH2M HILL engineers, and CH2M HILL OMI site personnel, this work was completed without incident. No adverse affects to the treatment process were realized.



(Pictured left to right: Joe R., Tom, Jason, Herman, Secundino, Paul, Don & Rapid Pump
[not pictured: Wesley, Greg, Gilberto, Brian, Eric W, Eric R & Ramon])

SAFETY

Congratulations!

Kyle A./Maintenance

4th quarter Safety Associate of the Quarter - Nominee

Joe B./Maintenance

1st Quarter Safety Person *WINNER* of the Northeast!

Safety Associate of the Quarter:

This nomination is for the individual who goes above and beyond towards safety and sets the higher bar when it comes to the standards of safety. After writing a short essay describing the reasons why this individual should be chosen Safety Associate of the Quarter, the winners were chosen by the Northeast Safety Team. Our 1st Quarter winner received a \$500 bonus. Each associate receives a certificate from Gary Wood congratulating them on their nomination.



DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Disaster Management for Wastewater Facilities

On January 21 & 22nd, I attended a two day training session on disaster management. The course was held at Rutgers University and hosted by the NJ office of Homeland Security & Preparedness. In conjunction with the US Dept of Homeland Security and Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

The 16 hr. course provided training to wastewater professionals on issues such as preparedness, response time, and recovery from incidents affecting wastewater facilities. We covered the various natural and manmade (accidental or intentional) hazards to which wastewater systems may be vulnerable and the potential effects the hazards may induce.

We were guided through portions of the Environmental Protection Agencies Response Protocol Toolbox to identify steps in the response and recovery process. This course taught me to identify issues preparing for, responding to, and recovering from incidents affecting wastewater facilities.

~ By Stephen H.



HOBOKEN-WEST NEW YORK PROJECT NEWSLETTER - Part III



NEW YEAR, NEW YOU! Wellness Program

2010 is here, and the CH2M HILL O&MBG Health & Safety team has kicked off a brand-new wellness program called *New Year, New You!*, which is designed to help give us all some useful tools to live happier and healthier lives.

What is the New Year, New You! Wellness Program All About?

The wellness program is about **support**. A team of two specialized [wellness consultants](#) are available to help you on your road to a happy and healthy 2010. The consultants are not doctors and will not give medical advice, but they will provide personalized wellness plans for each employee after completing an [online survey](#). OMI has also set up a wellness helpline and a wellness [e-mail address](#) so you can leave a message for one of the consultants about any wellness-related issues you may have - at no cost to you. We will be posting the monthly Wellness Newsletters which can also be accessed on the Virtual Office.

The program also is about **competition**. In addition to the free wellness plan offer, the Health & Safety team is sponsoring two major competitions during the program in 2010. The first program, called [10,000 Steps](#), will run from January through March. We are encouraging employees to work up to taking 10,000 steps a day. To help you reach the goal, we'll be providing you with a pedometer so you can count every step you take - from sunrise to sunset. A copy of your Steps Taken wallet card must be submitted by April 9th.

Our second program is a "Biggest Loser-style" competition set to take place from July through September. If you decide to participate in this program, our hope is that you will lower your overall body mass percentage and keep healthy and active. In the months preceding the Biggest Loser competition, the Health & Safety team will be offering you the specific tools you'll need so you can accomplish your goals, including information on how to do a balanced fitness routine, healthy eating habits, nutrition, and more.

ENLACE

Enlace, a global Latino/Hispanic employee network group, has been created by CH2M HILL employees to support the needs of our diverse workforce. Enlace meaning link in Spanish, provides an atmosphere for CH2M Hill's Latino/Hispanic community to come together to share professional and personal ideas and experiences and network with colleagues around the world. The current project members are: Alexis, Ernie, Arelys, and Doris. If you are interested in joining this group, please let ADM know.

Reminders:

- ~Timesheets due every Friday!
- ~Safety tailgates due by month-end
- ~Submit vehicle logsheets monthly
- ~Complete Worksheets correctly & supply detailed descriptions.

February is **HEART HEALTH MONTH!** According to the American Heart Association, you can help reduce your chance of a heart attack by eating well, managing your weight and exercising. For more information, visit the American Heart Association website.

BIRTHDAYS

Doris	Jan 2
Joe B	Jan 13
Joe R/Ops	Jan 30
Eric W	Feb 5
Anthony	Feb 24

OMI Anniversaries

Bob L/Mnt	2 yrs	Joe B	1 yr
Jason	2 yrs	Joe M/Coll	3 yrs
Adan	5 yrs	Gregory	5 yrs
Arelys	10 yrs	Joe Rosato	13 yrs
Eric W	10 yrs	Bob Lane	15 yrs
Doris	20 yrs		

COLLECTIONS

January and February 2010 were banner months for the Collection System Team! There were only 14 customer complaints recorded in January, a Project Record! In February only 21 complaints were recorded. It's a testament to the hard work of the team: Eric, Ramon, Angel, Boris, Joe, Jose & Anthony!!! Great Job Guys!



A problem arose with the JOSO solids and floatables screen module in Weehawken, heavy cast iron hatches (in the roadway) were rattling when vehicle tires struck them the crew attempted to quiet the hatches by installing rubber gaskets between the cover and frame. This solution would work initially, but a few days later the hatches would begin rattling again. The solution was to fabricate steel plates to replace the hatches. These plates were designed to meet H20 traffic loading criteria. Once the hatches were replaced by the plates the rattling stopped and residents were no longer bothered by the annoying noise.

MAINTENANCE

Joe R. has been included in a weekly Maintenance Connection Update conference call with Matt C., Steve H., Jeff S., Dave D. and other invitees. In this call, discussed are current issues with Maintenance Connection and new ideas for how to make Maintenance Connection better. It is an awesome opportunity to share ideas and to figure out how we can better our system here in Hoboken and West New York. The call is driven by issues as they arise and has been a wonderful resource. We plan to continue the call as long as it is helpful and I am contributing to the group.

On January 27th, Joe R. was invited to participate in a demonstration of Maintenance Connection for the NYCDEP (New York City Department of Environmental Protection). This was a unique opportunity to show how we maintain our CMMS and how Maintenance Connection could be potentially used by the NYCDEP. This was a great chance to show how far we have progressed in Hoboken/West New York with our CMMS and to get some new ideas for where we would like to go. There were others from our company invited to this demonstration and it was awesome to share ideas and to take part in the experience. Overall, we showed how to maintain CMMS and how it is done throughout our company. Our team impressed the NYCDEP. We also impressed ourselves with the wealth of knowledge that is available among our colleagues throughout the company. It was great to be a part of such an event and we look forward to being part of future events like it.

Lets Welcome to our Team:
OWEN, he will be part of the
WNY Team! ☺

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PHILIP, he will be part of the
Operations Team in Hoboken!
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