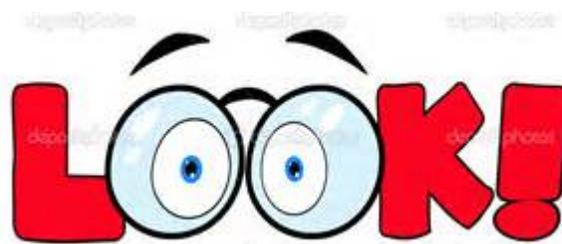


“I Keep My Eyes Wide Open All the Time....”

By: John Lane

Johnny Cash wasn't writing about safety when he penned the words above but they do apply to safety in the refinery. It is important to keep our eyes open as we travel about in the plant each day. The refinery is a very complex and ever-changing facility with new people and equipment being introduced every day. By keeping our eyes open, we can identify conditions that may be hazardous and could affect our personal safety or process safety. The key to improving safety is to communicate the identified hazards to the people who can take action to correct them. Recently we had two excellent examples of contractors identifying safety issues and taking action to get them corrected.



On May 5, Joe Wehrle of Middough Engineering noticed that a section of the wooden handrail at the Marathon Security Trailer at England Hill had deteriorated to the point that two nails were exposed resulting in a threat to anyone using the handrail. Taking advantage of Middough's observation program, Joe reported the condition through Middough supervision, then to Brad Taylor, and then to Jim Shepherd and Ed McCall who took action to get the problem corrected on June 1.



On May 12, Mike Enders and Dave Darby, also of Middough, were walking a project down near the Yancey Bridge. They noticed that an electrical cable appeared to have rubbed against one of the bridge suspension cables resulting in damage to the sheathing on the electrical cable. Continued wear on this sheathing could result in contact of the “live” electrical wires with the steel bridge cable resulting in a short to ground. Mike and Dave reported this condition to Middough supervision who reported it to Chad Clark, Tommy Reynolds, and Brad Taylor, who worked through Maintenance to get corrective measures scheduled to be completed within the next few weeks.

Why did these observations and actions take place? The key ingredient is that Marathon personnel listened and took action. If we demonstrate that safety is important to Catlettsburg by acting on legitimate safety requests and observations, we will inspire all those in the refinery to participate in improving safety for us all. People want to participate and they will if they know that their concerns will be addressed.

**Look for potential safety issues when you are in the refinery*

**Report issues to those who can address them*

**Take action on issues raised to you from any source to see that they are addressed*

**Feed results back to the requestor*

Using all the eyes available in the refinery will provide the best safety results for us all. Thanks to Mark Hogge and the Middough crew for their actions and these excellent examples. Thanks to the Marathon folks for following through.