

## Operations Manager's Comments

The finish line for 2009 is in sight and it has been a fantastic year for safety! Our field activities around the world have resulted in only 2 work related recordable injuries. While 2 is still too many, you should all be proud of this accomplishment. On behalf of everyone here at RM, I want to **thank you for your commitment to ensuring that you and your colleagues go home in the same condition that you came to work.** I hope all of you will take the opportunity during the holiday season to relax and enjoy time with your families. Thank you and Happy Holidays! – *Ron Halsey, Operations Manager U.S. Mining, Canada & Alaska*

## FROM THE FIELD . . .

As many of you are aware, BP America recently sent out a memo regarding the BP Code of Conduct. BP America is “committed to creating a work environment where **diversity and inclusion are valued** and where everyone is treated fairly, with dignity and respect, and without discrimination” (taken from the memo). BP America will not tolerate acts of discrimination, intolerance, intimidation or violence. It is the responsibility of every team member to ensure that each other team member feels safe. **Distraction and concern for personal safety lead to accidents.** If a worker is distracted by discriminatory remarks or feelings of intimidation or anger, work cannot proceed in the safest possible manner. It is imperative for both the safety and unity of your team that you foster an environment where each member is valued and looking out for the welfare of each other. **Each person on every BP worksite must treat all other individuals onsite with respect, courtesy and dignity, regardless of one's personal beliefs.** If you see or experience conduct that is inconsistent with the BP commitment to fair, respectful treatment of every individual on a BP worksite, **it is YOUR DUTY to speak out.** For more information, contact your supervisor or the BP PM.



## Contractor's

Two common safety concerns field techs face on a daily basis are visibility to traffic, and muscular strain due to bending or lifting. When a GES tech incurred a shoulder injury earlier this year, GES crews began to think of ways to “**reduce the ergonomic and visibility issues**” of daily tasks says Brad Clark, Senior Site Operations Manager. One of the tools GES designed and developed was a standing measuring tool developed to aid in well gauging activities. Utilizing a 4' marked measuring stick attached to a specially shaped cylindrical casing, the tool fits snugly at the well hole, allowing a measuring tape to be guided through a slot in the stick, and down through the casing into the well. Because the tech is able to remain in a standing position, he or she is **more visible to traffic**, and in a position to **move quickly to evade** dangerous situations. The standing position also utilizes **better ergonomics** for gauging activities, sparing back, hips, knees, legs and shoulders needless muscular pain and pressure. **Consider what your team can do to proactively address ergonomics and visibility.** For more information about this tool, check out the *SOCs Resource Site.*



**Consider This . . .** The Air Transport Association of America (ATA) expects a 2.5% decline in airline passengers over the winter holidays (December 17 – January 6) from last year, which means **more people may be taking to the roads.**

According to National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) reports, December 23 and January 1 traditionally rank among the top 10 traffic fatality days, with lack of restraint use by drivers related to more traffic fatalities than speeding or alcohol impairment for both passenger cars and motorcycles during calendar year 2008. The number one thing you can do this season is **wear your seatbelt!!** Don't forget to **check road conditions** online before you leave, **make sure you are well rested** and remember to **focus on defensive driving** – the destination is important, but so is the journey to get there. Let's buck the trend and help make 2009 a truly safe and happy holiday season.

### Additional Resources

**HSSE Bi-weekly communication** <http://rmhsse.bpglobal.com/communication/hsseweeklycommunication/2009/>

**Shared Learning** <http://rmhsse.bpglobal.com/communication/sharedlearninglessonslearnedsafetycommunicationsuccessstories/>

**SOCs Minute Resource Site** <http://socs.dataaccel.com/> (user ID: socs, Password: safety)

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## @Traction

Over the past few months, a number of RM incident reports have been filed relating to **unusual driving conditions.** Do your team members **know how to handle these** actual recent situations in a SAFE and CONSISTENT manner? Windshield wipers stop working during rainstorm, **work truck loses traction and spins** 180 degrees on a wet road (tech knew to steer into skid), truck gets a flat and tech must **change tire** and refill spare, navigating narrow access roads, bedliner flies out of truck in front of you while driving, lose sight of spotter while backing, windshield on skid steer breaks while in use, **deer** run into highway in front of you (tech knew to not swerve because it could cause a head-on traffic collision), you come upon a vehicle stopped in the middle of the traffic lane. With winter weather, also consider potential snow pack, slush, black ice, and **sudden downpour** while driving.