

Message from Operations

Leading the BP Way is at the core of being an Operations Project Manager. As BP Leaders we are expected to **Value Expertise, Energize People, Act Decisively** and **Deliver Results**. I would like to focus on **Energizing People** because it can be easily overlooked and can hinder the success of a business work team. Operations Project Managers should always motivate individuals and teams to not just do their job effectively and efficiently, but to create an atmosphere that makes those individuals or teams want to operate at the highest possible level. Motivation can come in many forms. Positive feedback is one of the most effective. Simply complimenting someone on a job well done may inspire. Being constructive when you criticize someone and offering assistance to find a solution is truly being a leader. A great listener can energize someone. Giving your undivided attention to someone shows that you want to be a part of the team and that you are interested about what input that individual has to offer. Energizing people can simply mean having a smile on your face or saying, "Good Morning." Simple acts of kindness can go a long way. Finally, in order to Energize People remember to be positive, be constructive, be a listener and be happy. – *Danny Monson, RM Operations Project Manager*

FROM THE FIELD . . . The following incident prompted a revision of recommended practices regarding tracing activities at a site in the Los Angeles area. Please **review and share with your field teams and utility locate** contractors. During May, a private utility locator familiar with electrical wiring techniques received a mild shock when working with retail station forecourt wires to attach a signal transmitter for tracing activities. It turns out the station **forecourt was improperly wired**. Fortunately, the contractor was wearing the specified PPE and electrical exposure had been risk assessed. A few lessons learned from this incident include **prohibiting the attachment of a signal generating device to live wires** and **instead utilizing an inductive radio generating device** to induce signal without attaching to the wire, following LOTO procedures whenever attaching directly to electrical wires, and checking piping with a volt meter, as metal piping is often used as a ground, and incorrect wiring can result in the pipe becoming energized. Talk to your utility locate contractors to make sure they are not tying into live lines.



to
1) **secure your vehicles** from gas theft, and
2) **regularly monitor the gas tank**.

– *Special thanks to Aaron Lapine and the Delta team for sharing the story*

Consider This . . .

It's **deer season** again. As deer venture out to breed and interact, more drivers encounter deer during the fall breeding season (October – December) than at any other time, particularly at **dawn and dusk**, when deer are most active. Make a point of driving with caution this fall, especially in areas bordering fields, forests and other wildlands. Be alert, slow down when you see deer, use your high beams and pay attention to brake lights ahead. **Deer are unpredictable** in their movement, and often move in groups. If collision seems inevitable, **DO NOT swerve to avoid them**. Many drivers have done this only to end up hitting something else – or oncoming traffic.

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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Contractor's

Delta Environmental offers up a cautionary story pertaining to loss (**gas theft**) with **impacts on environment, health and safety**. Delta's New Orleans office recently became a victim of a new method of stealing gas. They discovered the problem when one of the techs complained about there not being any gasoline left in one of the field trucks. The team was able to confirm that there had been gas in it when it was last parked. One of the Geologists had heard of a new method of stealing gas from vehicles by drilling holes into the gas tank, so the tech checked under the truck before driving to the gas station to fill it up, and **found three holes drilled into the metal tank**. The impacts of trying to fill up and drive around a heavily leaking truck could have been significant – fortunately, the leak was caught before refueling. Please discuss with field teams and consider if there may be a way

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Equipment remains a common topic – preventive maintenance and routine inspections are vital! A couple principles that can be derived from RM's August incident reports – 1) the principle of **double checking**, and 2) the principle of putting **safety before job performance**. Forgetting to put equipment in place or away, forgetting to perform a safety check, lack of **communication** regarding equipment placement, and SIMOPs procedures involving each others' equipment all resulted in incident reports and may potentially be avoided in the future with a double check. Additionally, a couple incidents involved personnel neglecting to **take prescribed break periods**, and suffering heat illness symptoms later. Symptoms are not always evident until after the body is in trouble. Putting safety before job performance, and **adhering to prescribed safety procedures is not only compliant, but may help prevent heat, cold and stress symptoms in the future**.