



# Communication is Key:

## Contractors and Host Employers

# Areas of Discussion

- Some key communication opportunities during:
  - Pre-Project Planning
  - Daily Operations
  - Post Job

# What is communication?

- The successful conveying or sharing of ideas and feelings
- Imparting or exchanging of information or news
- Verbal and non-verbal communication
- Lack of communication



# Why is communication challenging?

- Not listening
  - Physical barriers
  - Information overload
  - Industry jargon
  - Assumptions
  - Language barriers
  - Lack of feedback
  - Cultural barriers
- Technology
    - Email
    - Text
    - AI



# Pre-Project Planning

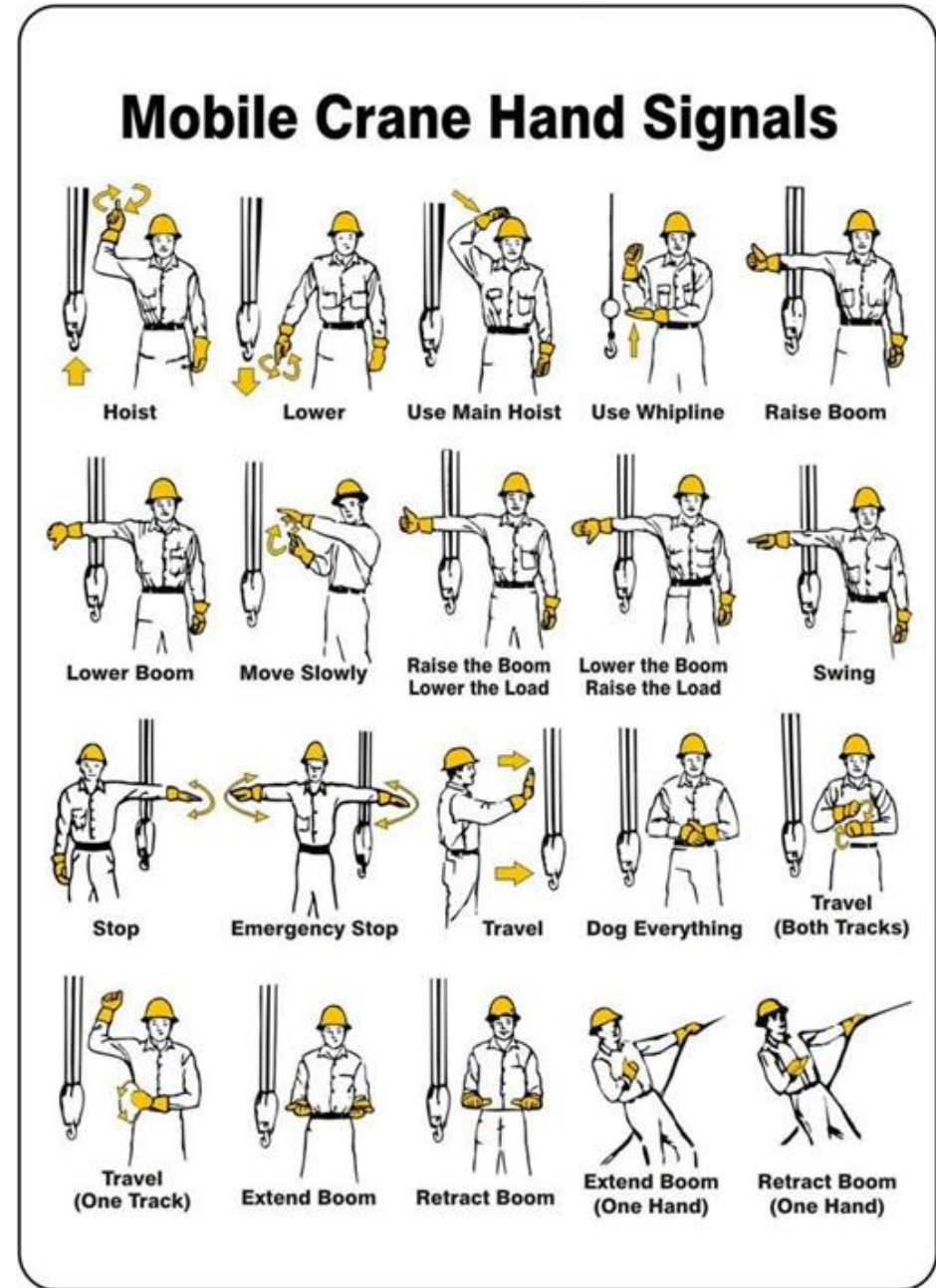


# Communication is Key



# Communication is

- But sometimes silent



# Why is safety communication key?

- **Our people!**
- **Our families!**





# Why is safety communication key?

- Regulatory obligations
- Culture
- Roles/directions are understood
- Warn against dangers
- Promote critical emergency response
- Learn about (and from!)
  - Concerns and hazards that workers encounter



# Pre-Construction

Communication Strategies

# Pre-Construction Communication Strategies

- Early Contractor Engagement
  - Construction Manager, General Contractor, Prime Contracts
  - Types of different contracts have influence – T&M vs lump sum



# Pre-Construction Communication Strategies

- Early Contractor Engagement

- Schedule

- Trade stacking = SIF potentials
    - Delivery sequencing

- Engineering complete
- SIF potential tasks
  - Leverage contractors knowledge
- Conflict resolution



# Pre-Construction Communication Strategies

- Early Contractor Engagement
  - Contractor/Client safety council monthly meetings
    - Corporate levels
    - Site/Mill levels



**Project Safety Checklist**

<b>Mark/fill in appropriate boxes</b>	Project Scope Y-Yes N-No N/A-Not Applicable	Responsible Person/Position	Completed Y-Yes N-No N/A-Not Applicable	Posted in conspicuous location
Site Specific Risk Control Plan	REQUIRED		N/A	
**Site Specific Silica Risk Control Plan	N/A		N/A	YES
FAA Study (45-day process period)	N/A		N/A	
**EAP OSHA Regulation 29 CFR 1926.50	REQUIRED		N/A	YES
Emergency Packets (???) do you think it's needed	N/A		N/A	
Muster Point location(s)	N/A		N/A	
Occupational Clinic	N/A		N/A	
Eye Clinic	N/A		N/A	
Drug Testing	N/A		N/A	
**State Workers Comp poster	REQUIRED		N/A	YES
**OSHA 300a (Required if project last a year)	N/A		N/A	
Covid-19 Policy	N/A		N/A	
DOT Driver Needed?	N/A		N/A	
Traffic Control Plan/Authorization	N/A		N/A	

<b>Site Information</b>				
Site Access (Training/location)	N/A		N/A	
Parking	N/A		N/A	
Site Security	N/A		N/A	
Portalets/handwash stations	N/A		N/A	
Site Underground work	N/A		N/A	
Hot work-Firewatch	N/A		N/A	
Confined Space Retrieval System?	N/A		N/A	
Confined Space Rescue Team?	N/A		N/A	
Elevated Work	N/A		N/A	
Lockout/Tagout (Coordinator needed?)	N/A		N/A	
Steel Erection	N/A		N/A	
Major Lift	N/A		N/A	
Trenching/Excavation	N/A		N/A	
Heat/Cold Stress	N/A		N/A	
Scaffold Usage/Erection	N/A		N/A	
Hazardous Materials ID'd	N/A		N/A	
Working Over Water	N/A		N/A	
Electrical	N/A		N/A	
Crane	N/A		N/A	

# Pre-Construction Communication Strategies

- Hazardous materials planning - sample map
  - Asbestos
  - Lead paint



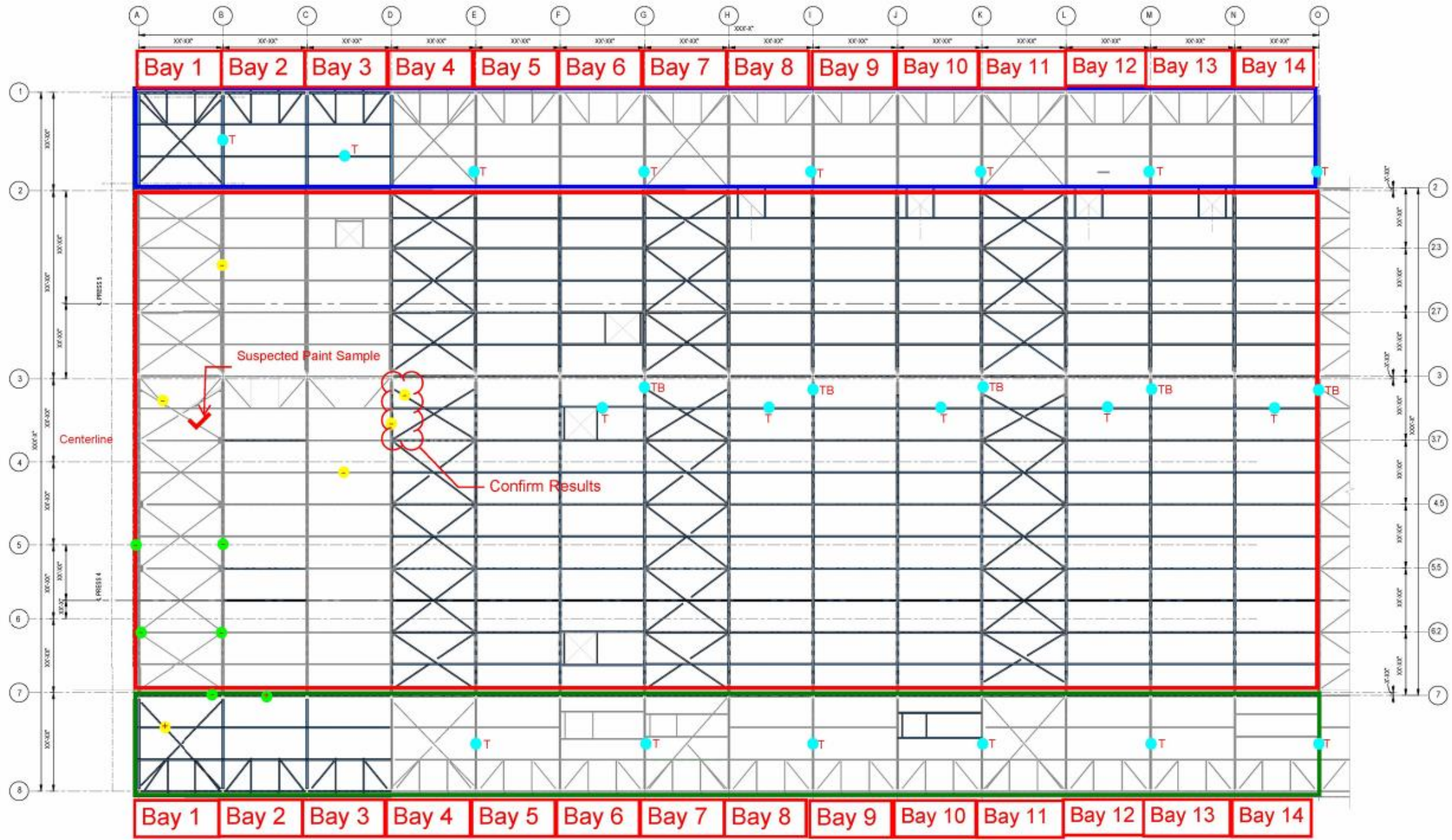
**DANGER**

**CONTAINS  
ASBESTOS FIBERS  
AVOID CREATING DUST  
MAY CAUSE CANCER  
CAUSES DAMAGE TO LUNGS**



**DANGER**

**LEAD BASED  
PAINT**



- Sample Date X/XX Above Bottom Chord (+ Positive - Negative)
- Sample Date X/XX Above Bottom Chord (+ Positive - Negative)
- Future Tests (T Top / B Bottom)

Note: If tested positive for Lead:  
 Steel "Bold" Members = Connections Abated  
 Steel Remains "Grayscale" Members = All Abated



# Pre-Construction Communication Strategies

- SIF potentials
  - Energized electrical work - define It



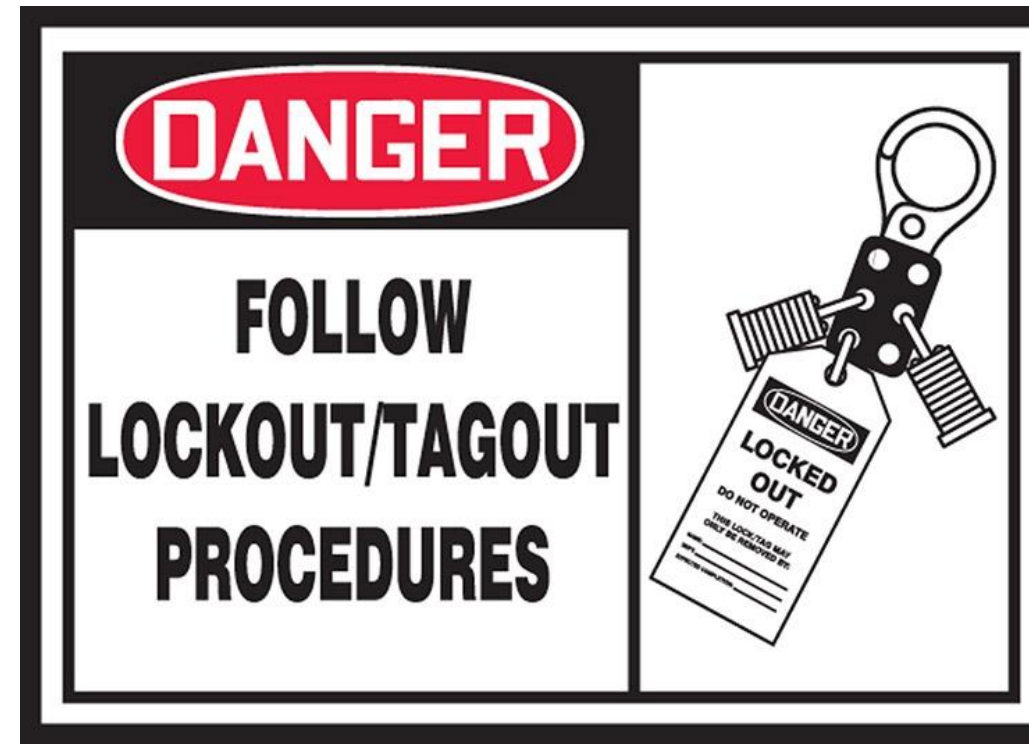
# Pre-Construction Communication Strategies

- SIF potentials
  - Hot Work – Can we do it a different way?
    - Engineering
    - Tooling
    - Cleaning support



# Pre-Construction Communication Strategies

- SIF potentials
  - LOTO – How are we planning for it?
    - We will be asking for lock out of multiple systems or areas due to the sequencing of our work.
    - Do we know how your LOTO program works?
    - Do you know what we need locked out?



# Daily Operations

Communication Strategies

# Daily Operation Communication Opportunities

- SIMOPS - Simultaneous Operations
  - Overhead crane
  - Confined spaces
- SIF potential activities
  - Confined spaces
  - Crane lifts / OH crane lifts
  - Process Safety Management - line
  - Hot work
  - LOTO
  - Energized electrical work
  - Etc.



# Daily Operation Communication Strategies

- Coordination Meeting with Contractor(s)
  - Each shift during outages
  - Schedule review - avoiding trade stacking
  - Coordination amongst client hosts



# Daily Operation Communication Strategies

- Contact Lists
  - Cell phone
  - Email
- Emergency Numbers
  - Hard hat stickers
  - Posted
  - Use of site phone vs. cell

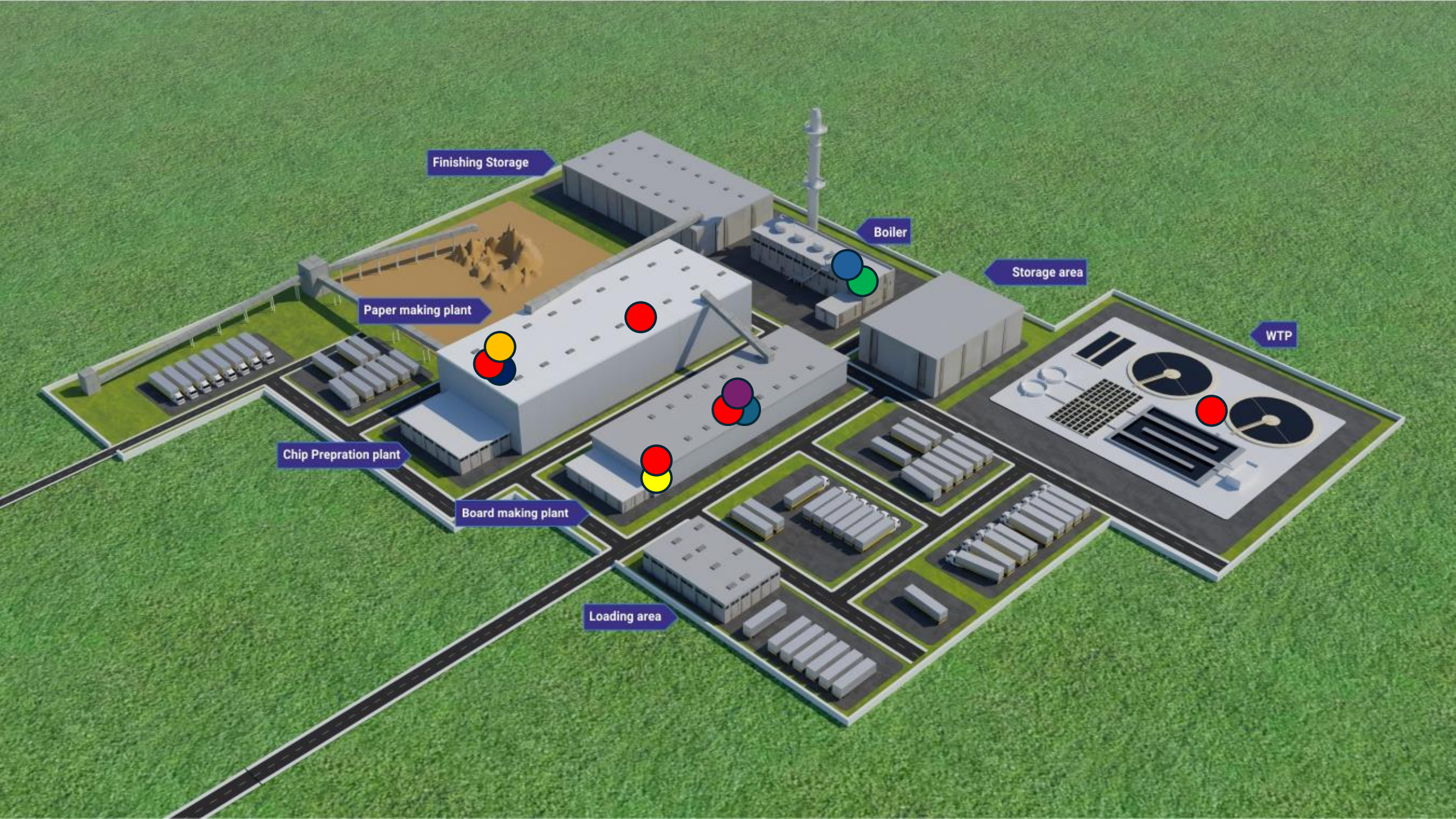


# Daily Operation Communication Strategies

- Communication Boards/TVs
  - Communication - contact sheets
    - PMs, Safety, Client Representatives
  - Permits
  - Facility map showing where contractors are working







Finishing Storage

Boiler

Storage area

WTP

Paper making plant

Chip Prepration plant

Board making plant

Loading area

# Daily Operation Communication Strategies

- Safety Walks
  - Scheduled
  - Client, engineering, contractor(s)
  - Learning events - get to know the "blue line"
  - Praise
- Pre-Task Planning
  - Electronic





## TASK

(Definition: One Task per Pre-Task Form completed by a supervisor.)

**SAFESTART**

These four states...  
 Rushing  
 Frustration  
 Fatigue  
 Complacency  
 can cause or contribute to these critical errors...  
 Eyes not on Task  
 Mind not on Task  
 Line-of-Fire  
 Balance/Traction/Grip  
 ...which increase the risk of injury.

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**SAFESTART**

Critical Error Reduction Techniques (CERT)

- Self-trigger on the state (or amount of hazardous energy) so you don't make a critical error
- Analyze close calls and small errors (to prevent agonizing over big ones).
- Look at others for the patterns that increase the risk of injury
- Work on habits.

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What state(s) will most likely be encountered during this task?

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Review with crew after break & lunch  Yes  No

### 1 - STEPS TO COMPLETE TASK

What steps will be completed?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

## POTENTIAL HAZARDS

<input type="checkbox"/> Abrasions / Cuts	<input type="checkbox"/> Lead / Asbestos / Mold
<input type="checkbox"/> Access / Egress	<input type="checkbox"/> Line-of-Fire
<input type="checkbox"/> Balance / Traction / Grip	<input type="checkbox"/> Live Utilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Cave-in / Excavation	<input type="checkbox"/> Loud Noises
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Burn	<input type="checkbox"/> Material Handling
<input type="checkbox"/> Complacency	<input type="checkbox"/> Mind Not On Task
<input type="checkbox"/> Confined Space Entry	<input type="checkbox"/> Moving Machinery
<input type="checkbox"/> Cutting / Burning	<input type="checkbox"/> Overexertion
<input type="checkbox"/> Dropping Material / Tools	<input type="checkbox"/> Overhead Work
<input type="checkbox"/> Dust / Respiratory Exposure	<input type="checkbox"/> Particles in Eye
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Shock	<input type="checkbox"/> Pinch Points
<input type="checkbox"/> Eyes Not On Task	<input type="checkbox"/> Rushing
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Greater than ___ Ft.	<input type="checkbox"/> Silica Exposure
<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire / Explosion / Spill
<input type="checkbox"/> Sprains / Strains	<input type="checkbox"/> Frustration
<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards from Others	<input type="checkbox"/> Thermal Burn
<input type="checkbox"/> Heat / Cold Exposure	<input type="checkbox"/> Trips / Slips / Falls
<input type="checkbox"/> Walking / Working Surfaces	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Housekeeping

What error(s) will most likely be encountered during this task?

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Is there potential for silica dust?  Yes  No

### 2 - HAZARDS

What hazards may be encountered for each step?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

## HAZARD CONTROL OPTIONS

<input type="checkbox"/> Dust / Silica Control	<input type="checkbox"/> LO / TO Hazardous Energy
<input type="checkbox"/> Erect Barricades	<input type="checkbox"/> SDS Location / Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Evacuation Routes	<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves ANSI Lvl 4 / Class 0
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Vest	<input type="checkbox"/> Protective Suit / Boots
<input type="checkbox"/> Muster Points	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Monitor
<input type="checkbox"/> Face Shields / Goggles	<input type="checkbox"/> Proper Signage
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Watch / Extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/> Proper Sloping / Shoring
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Blankets	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebar Protection
<input type="checkbox"/> GFCI	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Protection / Inspected
<input type="checkbox"/> Guardrails	<input type="checkbox"/> Spotter Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Toe Boards / Netting
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotate Employees' Tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> Inspect Tools / Rigging
<input type="checkbox"/> Rescue Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Ladders Tied Off & Inspected - 4:1 Ratio
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Flow	<input type="checkbox"/> Ladder Access
<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Housekeeping	<input type="checkbox"/> Ventilation
<input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Aid - Lifting	<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting
<input type="checkbox"/> Respirators	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Scanning
<input type="checkbox"/> Inspect Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Silica Table 1
<input type="checkbox"/> COVID / Virus Prevention	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Rescue Plan	

What CERTS can be used? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you planned for silica housekeeping?  Yes  No

Silica control plan been completed & reviewed?  Yes  No

Are dust controls present on tools / equipment?  Yes  No

### 3 - HAZARD CONTROLS

How will hazards be eliminated or controlled?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

# Daily Operation Communication Strategies

- Pre-shift check in with customer rep.
  - Along with other contractors in the area
  - Attend a pre-task planning meeting
  - Any needs from either contractor



# Daily Operation Communication Strategies

- Hot work
  - What do we need clear
  - Peer checks

## HOT WORK PERMIT

### BEFORE INITIATING HOT WORK, CAN THIS JOB BE AVOIDED? IS THERE A SAFER WAY?

This Hot Work Permit is required for any temporary operation involving open flames or which produces heat and/or sparks. This includes, but not limited to: Brazing, Cutting, Grinding, Soldering, Thawing Pipe, Torch Applied Roofing, Welding and the use of Heat Guns.

#### PART 1

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. University Safety Representative:
  - A. Verify precautions listed at right (or do not proceed with the work).
  - B. Complete and retain PART 1.
  - C. Issue PART 2 to person doing job.

#### HOT WORK BEING DONE BY:

- EMPLOYEE  
DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_
- CONTRACTOR  
SITE FOREMAN \_\_\_\_\_
- PROJECT MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION / BUILDING & FLOOR \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF JOB \_\_\_\_\_

Required safety precautions have been done.

Signature of responsible person \_\_\_\_\_

Permission is given to do this work, provided required precautions have been done.

SIGNED: (EHS) \_\_\_\_\_

PERMIT EXPIRES:

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION  
ON BACK OF FORM.**

Any resulting fire alarm, fire and subsequent University penalty or fine is the responsibility of the employee or contractor doing the work.

#### REQUIRED PRECAUTIONS CHECKLIST

- Available sprinklers, hose streams and extinguishers are in service.
- Hot Work equipment in good repair.

#### WITHIN 35 FEET OF WORK

- Flammable liquids, dust, lint and oily deposits removed.
- Explosive atmosphere in area eliminated.
- Floors swept clean of combustibles.
- Combustible floors wet down, covered with damp sand, metal or fire-resistant tarpaulins.
- Remove other combustibles or protect with fire-resistant tarpaulins or metal shields.
- All wall and floor openings covered.
- Fire-resistant tarpaulins suspended beneath work to collect sparks.

#### WORK ON WALLS OR CEILINGS

- Construction noncombustible and without combustible covering.
- Combustibles moved away from other side of walls.

#### WORK ON ENCLOSED EQUIPMENT

- Equipment cleaned of all combustibles.
- Containers purged of flammable vapors.

#### FIRE WATCH

- Fire watch to be provided during and for 60 minutes after work in all areas.
- Fire watch to be provided for 4 hours after work in areas without smoke detection.
- Supplied with appropriate extinguisher(s).
- Trained in the use of equipment and in sounding fire alarm.
- Fire watch may be required for adjoining areas above and below.

#### OTHER PRECAUTIONS TAKEN

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# Daily Operation Communication Strategies

- Simultaneous Operations (SIMOPS)
  - LOTO
    - Lock out coordinator
    - Multiple contractors
    - Check out and construction
  - Line Break / Process Safety Management
    - What differences exist?
    - A permit – each party is on the same page.



# Daily Operation Communication Strategies

- Simultaneous Operations (SIMOPS)
  - Confined Spaces
    - Pre-entry meeting or huddle
    - Attendant vest color
    - Rescue team visit the space
    - Multiple contractors





# Daily Operation Communication Strategies

- Simultaneous Operations (SIMOPS)
  - Over head crane use
    - Rail stops
    - LOTO of crane
    - Coordination meeting





# Post Job Review

Communication Strategies

# Post Job Communication is Key

- What went well with safety and risk mitigation?
- What are the safety and risk opportunities?
  - Did we effectively capture any near misses or learning events?
  - What was our audit outcomes?
  - Where did our planning or communication not work as

## 5 PRINCIPLES OF HOP



ERROR  
IS NORMAL



BLAME FIXES  
NOTHING



CONTEXT  
DRIVES  
BEHAVIOUR



LEARNING  
AND IMPROVING  
IS VITAL



LEADERSHIP  
RESPONSE  
MATTERS

PPSA Contractor  
Committee

# PPSA Contractor Committee

- We want to hear from you.
- Contractor safety opportunities within industry we can collaborate on.
- Support the PPSA's mission of bringing the industry home safe.
- Consider joining the committee or asking for some assistance from the committee.
- Reach out to a current member.

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# Conclusion

- Thank you!

Questions/Comments