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For over fifty-years at our plant, over half of the workforce had to walk along the edge of the busy entrance road from the employee parking

lot to their jobs.





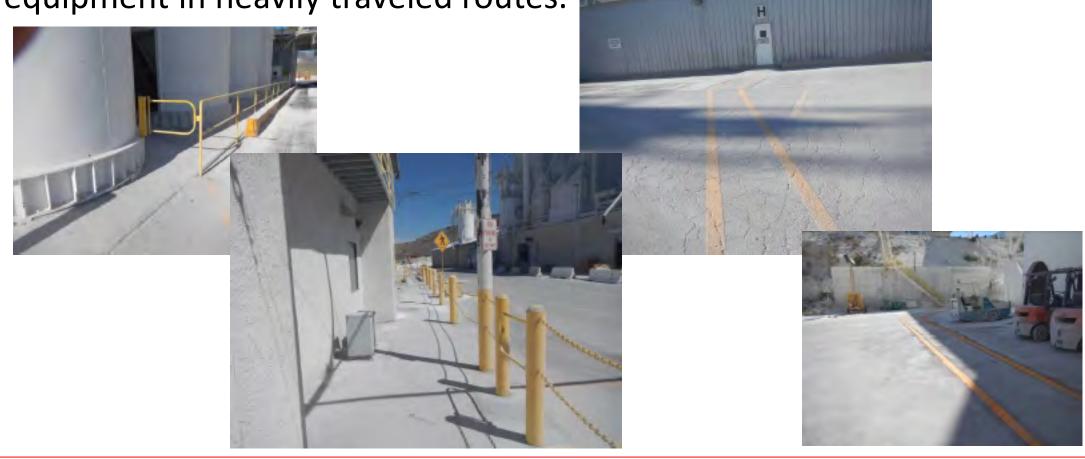
With approval from the railroad, we installed a crossing and added a paved path for foot traffic away from truck traffic.





Chains, handrails, pedestrian doors, swing gates and over 2,500 feet of lined pedestrian pathway was installed to protect workers from mobile

equipment in heavily traveled routes.





A very serious near-miss occurred when a forklift ran into another forklift which backed out from between two rows of pallets.





A bright, highly visible LED light was installed in place of the white back-up light.

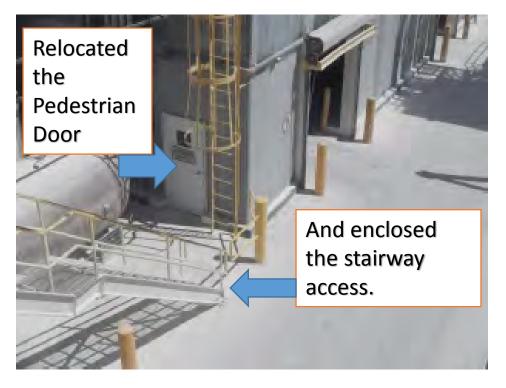
The bright light indicates when a forklift is in reverse.

POKA-YOKE



Poka-Yoke is LEAN tool which comes from a Japanese term meaning "error proofing" or to make "failsafe."





Production workers were required to travel through one of our Mill Buildings to use the stairs to report for work everyday.

STOP CARD PROGRAM





SPECIALTY MINERALS INC.

STOP Card Award



The following \$50 STOP Cards were chosen by the Safety Steering Committee for July, 2016 from a total of 72 cards.

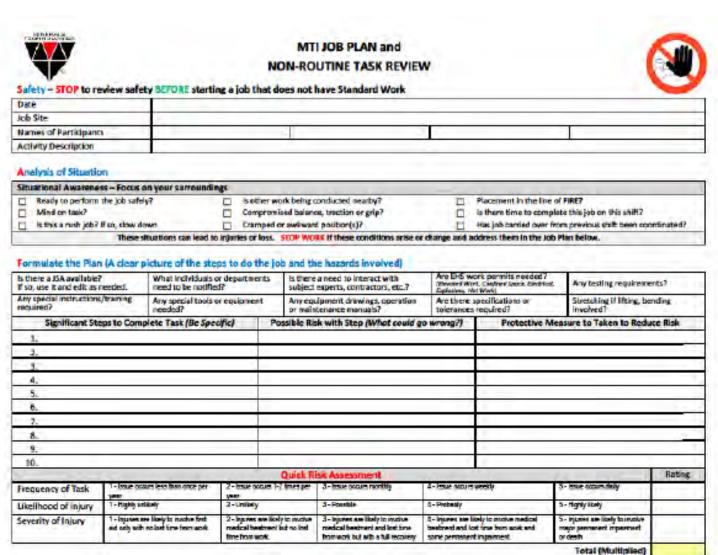
7/6/16 Stopped outside contractor grinding on pipe outside Granules building. Problem was he was not wearing his face shield. He said it won't happen again.

7/18/16 The pallet inverter is in a very dangerous spot. It is in a high traffic area and the controls are against the wall forcing you to be in the way of moving parts when operating it. We need to come up with a safe solution.

7/28/16 While situating the Big Drill over my next hole, I noticed that my control panel was brightly lit down inside. As I took a closer look, it appeared to be a wire on fire. I shut the drill down promptly and went outside to get the extinguisher when I returned, the fire had burned itself out. After making sure the fire was out, I notified Don Reisig and MES.

7/28/16 The East End of our North Dock is the narrowest location on the front dock. There is a parking spot for a truck as well as the ladder for Ranger 8. All too often, they load vans and have a portable ramp (which is commonly left there after loading), there which further restricts this area. Truck loading also takes place. It is an opinion that these three issues could lead to more than a near miss. I believe we should look at eliminating the parking spot on the East end of the North dock, curtail the use of the mobile ramp on the front dock and stop the loading of flat-beds in the same area. A possible solution to this would be to re-establish the loading dock that was on the East end of the Pebble Mill warehouse. Vans or flat-beds could then be loaded in this area reducing potential forklift conflicts with OTR trucks and minimize tramming material to another location to load.

NRTR: Non-Routine Task Review







Safety Alert

Pallet Flipper Near Miss - Lucerne Valley, CA, - July 21, 2016

Incident Description: A Production temporary worker was operating the packcenter pallet

flipper when he was nearly struck by the device.

Causal Factors:

- •The pallet flipper structure had been turned 90 degrees so the electrical disconnect mounted on the back side of the flipper frame would be accessible and not against the wall.
- •This placed the start controls that were attached to the protective handrail against the wall.
- •The start controls had to be accessed from inside the structure perimeter which placed workers in close proximity to the pallet flipper.

Root Cause:

Start controls were placed against the wall without recognizing the hazard that existed.

Corrective Actions:

- •The start control button was placed on the opposite handrail where it could be safely accessed outside the danger perimeter
- •This is a temporary measure until the electrical disconnect can be moved and the pallet flipper returned to its original position.



