

Dispersed Work Sites Are Not a Barrier to Communication

CONOCO CASE STUDY

A Focus on People Results in Zero Incidents



Safety Training and Safety Audits Help Prevent Injuries at Conoco's North Sea Operations

Challenge

The ConocoPhillips company has a long and solid tradition of safety at work. Conoco's products range from crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids to refined products, such as motor oil, other lubricants and petroleum coke.

The company is committed to protecting the health and safety of everyone who plays a part in their operations, lives in the communities in which they operate or uses their products. Wherever they operate, Conoco intends to conduct business with respect and care for both the local and global environment and systematically manage risks to drive sustainable business growth. Conoco is not satisfied until it succeeds in eliminating all injuries, occupational illnesses, unsafe practices and incidents of environmental harm from their activities.

Solution

In 1998, with the help of DuPont, the goal of zero incidents became reality for the 425 employees of ConocoPhillips Limited in the U.K. Not only had there been zero lost-time incidents, but zero days of restricted activity and zero medical treatment cases. In other words, the total recordable rate was 0.00.

This safety record was the result of focusing on a number of basic principles:

- All injuries and occupational illnesses can be prevented.
- People are the most important element in an effective safety program.
- All employees are responsible for their own safety and for the safety of their colleagues.
- The entire management line has a special responsibility for preventing injuries.



