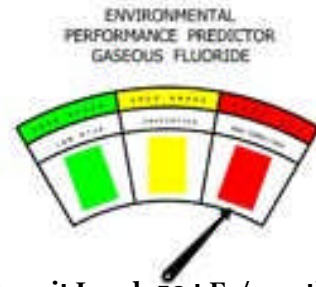


BC Ops Fluoride Emissions Task Force Weekly Update #3

As of October 5, 2009, the Gaseous Fluoride Emission Indicator was **RED**

L1-2 exception: 13%
L3-5 exception: 24%
L7-8 exception: 15%

Plant Exception: 19%
Target: 10%



In last weeks update #2, the BC Ops Fluoride Emissions Task Force advised employees about the details of the non compliance letter from the BC Ministry of Environment (MOE), and what needs to be done to improve and control fluoride emissions before summer 2010. As a reminder, the four points from the MOE letter and the Task Force approach to follow up:

1. The MOE asked BC Ops to provide a detailed technical report outlining events leading up to the non compliance this past summer.
 - **Task Force approach:** A team is developing a technical report, which will be based on the identified root causes.
2. The MOE wants to better understand the ambient air monitoring stations in town.
 - **Task Force approach:** STS Canada is conducting a study on ambient air monitoring.
3. Impact Assessment Studies – Environment and Health.
 - **Task Force approach:** The Task Force is working closely with the MOE developing a strategy to address concerns.
4. Stakeholder relations and communication.
 - **Task Force approach:** with support from MOE, the Task Force is meeting with the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Environmental Consultation Committee (ECC) in mid-October to discuss expectations.

DMAIC Strategy

By using the Six Sigma strategy and ‘Define Measure Analyze Improve Control’ (DMAIC) approach, the Task Force is currently at the ‘3rd stage – Analyze’ – analyzing all data gathered from the various projects. For example: a team is analyzing the raw data gathered by the employees who were assigned, and did a fantastic job, on the Measuring Metal Flow project. Several projects are underway and once data is gathered and analyzed, results will be shared with employees.

Your Feedback is Valuable

This dedicated team cannot do it alone; they need all employees to support, to offer helpful suggestions and to provide feedback. Please get involved by offering your feedback and suggestions, or if you need more information or have questions, check out:

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