

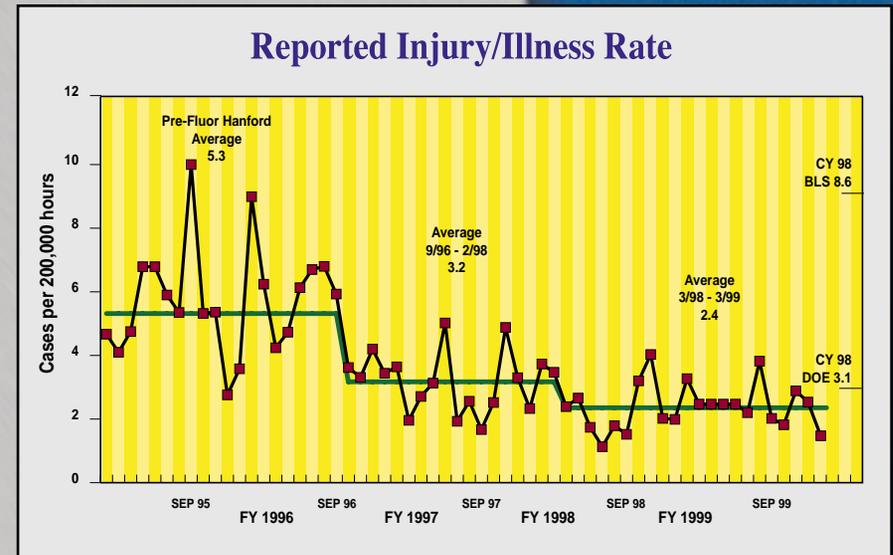
ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND HEALTH

Expectation:

Achieve safe, compliant, quality performance by implementing an Integrated Environment, Safety and Health Management System (ISMS).

ISMS Update:

- We successfully met 12 of 13 criteria in DOE's review of our ISMS implementation efforts. Because the review took place while our restructuring was under way, full approval was deferred until our organizational changes are more complete and fully reflected in our ISMS documents.
- The review team cited a number of noteworthy practices along with some opportunities for improvement, saying that we have "made progress in achieving the DOE objective to systematically integrate safety into management and work practices at all levels."
- A second set of workshops was held to better familiarize the workforce with ISMS principles and advance implementation. Our goal is full ISMS implementation by September.



Though we have sustained a favorably low injury rate that's now about half what it was in fiscal 1995, we've taken steps to further improve our safety leadership, worker involvement, communications and employee recognition. Our goal is to move beyond mere prevention of injuries to continuous innovation in injury avoidance.

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Radiological Control Improvement Update:

- With a three-year improvement plan now complete, workers' skin and clothing contaminations continue to show a favorable downward trend (see graph). On average, contaminations are down 52 percent since 1997.
- One factor is the increased use of our ALARA* Center of Technology, which helps workers match radiological control measures with field needs early in the planning cycle. This enables us to better manage and control work hazards and radiological conditions.
- We've also emphasized increased worker participation in work planning and use of lessons learned from prior, similar experiences.

*As Low As Reasonably Achievable

