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Audit Ready Everyday

When Safety, Quality and Good Housekeeping are a way of life.

It's a privilege to be writing my first WIB article as the Director of Quality Assurance for Quonset Point and feels timely being just after our 2022 Nuclear Audit. We are still celebrating how well the Quonset Point Team performed and demonstrated our discipline to standards, processes and procedures. I hope everyone has taken the time to celebrate these results as we have so much to be proud of. Special thank you to the QA Audit Preparation Team led by Kerri Nunn for their tireless efforts throughout the process leading up to the event which ensured our Facility's readiness.

These results beg the question..... How do we stay audit ready every day? Our Hourly Safety Committee inspired this article with their discussions during last week's meeting. The team was questioning why we spend so much time before the audit getting ready, instead of maintaining these standards as a practice.

I consider 'audit readiness' more of a mindset comprised of a simple set of principles: Safety, Quality and Good Housekeeping. The best part of this recipe is every one of us can play a leading role every hour of every shift. It doesn't require being asked by our management, or an operation in our work instructions. It simply starts with our commitment to high standards, taking the initiative and demonstrating pride in our workmanship. Countless studies have been published correlating cleanliness, safety and quality to improving performance. What does this look like in our business? There are endless examples: protected combustibles, thorough JHA's, obeying all radiography lines/signs, orderly lines and leads, inter-pass cleaning and temp checks, and leaving the work center cleaner than you found it. It's our mindset that dictates our decisions and behaviors leading to purposeful actions. All efforts make a difference and each of us can contribute with an 'audit ready every day' mindset.

Many of us are recently hired into position and

continuously learning as we grow in our new roles. Maintaining our Safety / Quality / Cleanliness standards is taxing and not for the faint of heart. Let's challenge ourselves to sustain 'audit-readiness' while safely performing all work as we have been procedurally trainedeven when no one is watching.

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Continuous Improvement - Downtime Series - Extra Processing

If you hire a plumber to fix a leaky faucet in your kitchen, would you pay for the extra 30 minutes he spent polishing the pipes underneath your sink? No you wouldn't, all you wanted was a faucet that doesn't leak, not shiny pipes where no one will see them. This is an example of **extra processing**, the concept of adding more features or producing a product or service of higher quality than required by the customer.

The same logic for the plumber doing work that is not required also applies in our business. Neither your internal customer nor the Navy wants to pay for non-value added work which goes above and beyond what they expect or need. Of the **eight types of waste**, **extra processing** is one of the most difficult to recognize because this non-value added work is still work.

Keep in mind what your customer requires and how he/she will use your product.

Electric Boat Examples:

- A fillet joint is specified to be 3/8" and numerous extra passes are added to insure the file size passes inspection.
Negative Effects Include:
 - Increased chance of defect
 - Potential for interference with a future installation
 - Increased chance of distortion
 - Unnecessary weld wire and consumables used
- A structural weld surface is specified to be cleaned a minimum of 1" from expected toe of the weld, but the surface was grinded all the way to 8" away to make sure the weld is not impacted.
Negative Effects Include:
 - Increased labor cost
 - Increased chance of mistake
- A steel structure is specified to be blasted to a near white clean finish prior to paint, but the structure was over blasted beyond the time required to ensure surface is paintable.
Negative Effects Include:
 - Increased time spent blasting
 - Increased time for grit recovery
 - Increased labor cost

Each example has adverse effect associated with **extra processing** and it is up to all of us to meet the requirements of your customer, while eliminating the non-value added work.

Do YOU have any ideas on how to reduce the extra processing in your area? Discuss your idea with your supervisor.

IT'S BACK!!!

LUNCH WITH LEADERSHIP RETURNS

Lunch with Directors and Senior Managers coming in August 2022

- *The Lunch with Leadership program was established in 2017 in order to increase employee engagement & facilitate direct communication between our shipbuilders and senior leadership*
- *The Program was put on hold in 2019 due to the pandemic and we are excited to announce that we are re-launching it in August 2022*
- *This program affords our shipbuilders the opportunity to discuss thoughts and ideas and to elevate concerns and share feedback with our senior leaders while enjoying a meal together*
- *Selection for participation in the program is random & participants will receive a hard copy invitation delivered by their Management Team*
- *We look forward to hearing from you as we know that together we can identify areas for improvement and develop solutions to promote a positive Electric Boat experience for all shipbuilders*

Thank You!

For Helping Someone Else

 Rhode Island Blood Center

EB SUMMER DRIVE 2022

Your blood drives had **366**
presenting donors.

Resulting in **320** donations.

Helping to save up to **960 lives!**

There were **58 1st-time donors!**

Next EB Drive: October 18-20.

*Thank you all for your support and
giving the gift of life!*





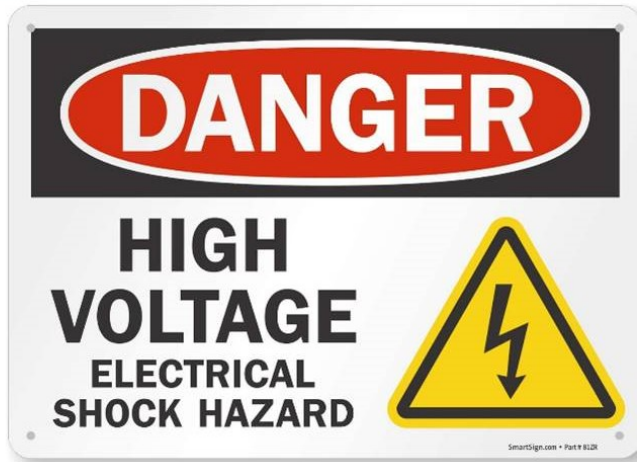
- **JUST ARRIVED - Seawolf 25th Anniversary Coins!**
- See fairwater.com for custom merchandise ordering
- **Brand new COLUMBIA Class Apparel—While supplies last!**
- **Come in and check out our youth apparel section now!**

Hours of Operation

7:30 am to 4:00 pm

7 am on Wednesdays 7/6, 7/13, 7/27

Electrical Safety Stand Down
Inspection to take place
Thursday July 28, 2022



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Policy Statement # 13: Electric Boat Corporation has established Occupational Health and Safety as the Company's Number One Priority.

Week 30

COVID Vaccines available in the Dispensary every Friday from 8:00am to 4:30 PM. No Appointment required.

Join today with a very special offer.



BJ'S SEMI-ANNUAL CATCH-UP ENROLLMENT EVENT **NEW and EXISTING MEMBERS WELCOME!**
TUESDAY JULY 26, 2022 **FAIRWATER STORE** **10 AM - 3:30 PM** **BRING CARD and PAYMENT!**

FORM and MAILING INSTRUCTIONS ARE INCLUDED AS ATTACHMENTS. (Also available in HR, with Supervisors and on intranet).
 Form and payment may be turned in at on-site event or must be emailed or mailed to BJ's Rep by August 31st postmark deadline. (See instructions).
 Participate now if membership expires before DECEMBER 2022.
 With payment, 12 months will be ADDED onto current expiration date of renewing members.

The award is electronically loaded to your membership card and will be available at the register in 24 hours from when the form is processed.
 Award must be used within 30 days on an In-Club purchase.
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