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Energy Northwest:

Getting the Most from the Mobile Safety Store

Headquartered just north of Richland, Washington, Energy Northwest has been providing at-cost electricity to public utilities and municipalities for 50 years. The company, which operates four electric power generation stations, is dedicated to providing responsible and cost-effective energy solutions for the region's ratepayers. In order to achieve this goal, it strives to identify new measures that improve both plant safety and productivity.

Steve Baker, Rad Materials Control Supervisor at the Columbia Generating Station – a 1250-megawatt boiling water reactor – recently identified an area in which the station could save time and resources on its safety apparel and accessories. "Initially, we chose to bring in the Mobile Safety Store because we were looking for an efficient way to stock and supply our radiological protection and other safety products during outages," said Baker.

Through its Mobile Safety Store, UniTech provides Energy Northwest with a complete



Energy Northwest maximizes its efficiency during outages.

line of on-site radiological and industrial safety apparel including disposable coveralls, modesty garments, earplugs, safety glasses, leather gloves, and step-off pads, to name a few." One of the biggest benefits of the Mobile Safety Store is that we no longer need to be concerned about tracking inventory or running out of critical safety supplies," adds Baker.

UniTech carefully monitors the trailer's inventory and delivers supplies on an as-needed basis – both eliminating the need

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Better Yet:

Expanding Our Morris, IL and Royersford, PA Plants

UniTech has significantly expanded its facilities in Morris, Illinois and Royersford, Pennsylvania.

The Morris plant recently completed an impressive 30,000 ft² facility expansion. The addition includes a new 14,000 ft² storage facility, allowing us to store protective clothing and safety supply inventory in a single location and to respond immediately to customer requests.

Other significant upgrades in Morris include a new 6,000 ft² tool and metal decontamination facility. New equipment, including a Plas Blast decon unit (multi media), CO₂ decon unit, HydroLaser, steam cleaner, and a low background monitoring area for surveying items, are among the plant's most recent important equipment upgrades. Thanks to this project, we are enhancing the services available to our Morris customers, including scaffold decontamination, portable HEPA ventilation and

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Keeping It Coming: New Issues – Smart Responses

Shining a Light on Safety

Identifying and controlling access to high radiation areas is always a concern. What's more, in 2007, INPO has noted high radiation areas as one of its areas of interest during inspections. UniTech has responded to this need with a go-anywhere warning beacon.

Available with either a red, yellow or green flashing light, UniBeacon provides a universally understood signal and puts you in compliance. Compact and light, 8" UniBeacon includes a 95 lb. pull magnet for quick, secure mounting on metal areas such as beams, equipment or walls, reducing labor time and exposure. It uses ordinary D cell alkaline batteries.

Or try our compact (1.73" long) MiniBeacon, a high-visibility LED light that can be seen for over half a mile.

CoolTech Scrubs Address Worker Comfort and Savings

New research shows that a comfortable work environment can do more than make employees happy – it can also help bolster productivity. As an alternative to disposable scrubs, which can be both costly and uncomfortable, UniTech has developed new CoolTech scrubs. These new modesty garments are made from a micro denier fabric that minimizes heat stress and wicks perspiration away from the skin. Unlike disposables, the synthetic fiber is easily decontaminated. CoolTech scrubs also provide a sewn-in EM anti-theft wire to deter theft. The combination of



our anti-theft wire and our new "controlled" clean laundries provide our customers with a comfortable, radiologically clean garment.

In addition, CoolTech scrubs present significant savings when compared to disposables. "We continue to see increased interest in launderable garments from customers who demand comfort, durability and cost savings," said Gregg Johnstone, UniTech's Director of Marketing.

UniStock Bulk Dispenser

Want to save time, labor and space? Organize worker accessories and keep rubber items fresh, with good stock rotation? Store and dispense essential accessories in our new UniStock bulk dispenser. It's the smart, efficient way to manage stock of small items such as rubber gloves, cotton liners, skullcaps, hardhat covers, hoods, rubber shoes, nylon/cloth shoe covers, and arm sleeves.

UniStock is made of high-grade brushed aluminum with a clear plexi glass front that lets you see accessories. With its 27" x 63" footprint (the same as our SSD 350), wheels that swivel and lock and four pockets to hold 80 lbs. of product each (320 lbs. total), it's a great addition to your storage system. ■■



On Par:

UniTech Sponsors Golf Tournament at Waste Management Symposium

This year's Waste Management Symposium in Tucson, Arizona drew over 2,500 energy and industry officials from around the world. The annual symposium, now in its 34th year, is hosted by WMSymposia, Inc. a non-profit corporation developed to provide a forum for discussing and seeking solutions on the safe management of radioactive waste and radioactive materials.

A highlight of the conference was a golf tournament sponsored in part by UniTech. Under sunny skies, over 80 people turned out to hit the links at the del Lago Golf Club located in Vail, Arizona. Special thanks to UniTech's Jeff Wilson, Technical Accounts Manager, for organizing this great event. Next year's conference will take place in Phoenix where there will be another great golf tournament. For information, and to register for next year's tournament, please contact your UniTech account representative. ■■



Promoting Safety in Iraq

Our parent company, UniFirst, recently donated 400 flame-resistant shirts to contractors working in Iraq. While U.S. military forces currently wear flame-resistant uniforms to protect them from fire-related injuries, many contractors working to rebuild Iraqi cities find themselves unprotected in potentially dangerous situations.

The UniFirst shirts are made from a flame-resistant material that snuffs out fire before it has a chance to make contact with the skin. UniFirst currently manufactures flame resistant uniforms for a number of global and U.S. companies. ■■

QA Brief: Going Green

Everyone seems to be talking about global warming and environmental protection. At UniTech, we are taking proactive steps to integrate “green” practices into our everyday business.

The UniTech environmental policy is to conduct business in an environmentally sound manner, efficiently and effectively complying with the letter, spirit and intent of applicable environmental statutes, regulations and standards.

As part of this initiative, we have recently been ISO 14001 certified at all locations by analyzing all our processes and determining their environmental impact. In addition to recycling materials such as light bulbs, batteries and toner cartridges, UniTech also performs comprehensive environmental compliance audits of each facility. The results of these audits have helped us to reduce water and gas consumption by maximizing loads in our washers and dryers. UniTech has also launched initiatives to help reduce the amount of radioactive waste disposal by performing comprehensive waste sorting.

UniTech is committed to pollution prevention and continuously improving the workplace for the safety of our employees, customers and community. If you have any questions about our efforts to reduce our environmental impact, contact the UniTech Quality Manager John J. Wudyka at 413-543-6911. ■■

“We would accomplish many more things if we did not think of them as impossible.”

John Wudyka Now Oversees Quality



UniTech is pleased to announce that John Wudyka has accepted the position of Quality Manager. John brings a wealth of experience to this key position.

Prior to coming to UniTech, John worked for 13 years at Entergy’s Pilgrim Nuclear Station as a Radiation Protection Supervisor. Employed by UniTech since 2003 as a Radiation Protection Engineer,

John is now responsible for overseeing UniTech’s ISO 9001 Quality program and the ISO 14001 Environmental Compliance program. In addition, he performs Radiation Protection Audits of UniTech’s domestic and foreign facilities and assists plants with technical radiation protection issues. ■■

Mobile Safety Store

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for storage and providing an organized shopping atmosphere. “The Mobile Safety Store performed so well during the plant’s outages,” says Dick Downard, UniTech Technical Sales Representative, “that Energy Northwest has brought in a trailer year-round.”

To that end, the Mobile Safety Store also helps to eliminate potentially confusing inter-department invoicing issues, because its computerized inventory control system allows for separate billing based on individual departmental needs. “In terms of cost savings, clients enjoy the option of purchasing or renting items as needed, while paying only for what’s used,” said Downard, adding, “There are a variety of turnkey packages we can design to meet virtually any requirement.”

For more information about the Mobile Safety Store, please contact your sales representative. ■■



Upcoming Conferences

U.S.

- June 7-8: Lawrence Livermore National Lab ESH & QA Conference, Livermore, CA
- June 13-15: USA Conference, Cour de Lane, ID
- June 26-28: EPRI/LLW Conference, Ledyard, CT
- July 8-12: HPS Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
- July 16-18: PWR RP ALARA, Denver, CO
- July 25-27: NISHA Conference, Nebraska City, NE

- July 30-August 1: NEI/HP Meeting, Bonita Springs, FL

- August 6-9: Nuclear Decisionmakers Forum, Amelia Island, FL

Europe

- June 19-21: Nuclear Congress '07, University of Manchester, UK
- October 16-17: BNES – UK Decommissioning & Waste Mgmt. Penrith, Cumbria, UK

Canada

- June 3-6: Canadian Nuclear Society Annual Conference, St. John, NB

Recent Contract Highlights

- Defense Supply Center, RF-TOW missile cover bags
- Energy Northwest, Soft coveralls, hoods & surgeon caps
- TVA-Browns Ferry, Portable HEPA system management program ProTech ONE
- Dominion Nuclear-Millstone, MedEng cooling vests
- FP&L-St. Lucie, FR garments
- Westinghouse-Waltz Mill, Laundry services
- PSE&G, Laundry services
- Entergy-Waterford, DsolvTech Plus coveralls & accessories
- NASA-Glenn Research, Laundry/lease & respirator services
- NMC-Duane Arnold/Palisades, Laundry services

Expanding

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vacuum cleaner maintenance and repair, tool and metal decontamination and inventory management, and special projects such as tank decontamination, valve cleaning and more. We also added a new 6,000 ft² controlled clean laundry area, which features two 250 lb. washers and dryers, each capable of cleaning between 500 and 1,000 sets of new launderable CoolTech scrubs per hour.



In Royersford, a major expansion featured a new Canadian laundry to serve the specific needs of our neighbors to the north including Tritium suit processing, plus a large new "controlled clean" laundry. UniTech's new controlled clean laundries provide our customers with the assurance that clean items (e.g. towels, underwear, coveralls, and modesty garments) that are not supposed to come in contact with radioactivity on their sites are indeed radiologically clean. We

provide an incoming Micro R survey of the items going into this area and also assure all wash water is filtered and

monitored through our waste water treatment system. ■■



Growing Abroad

To better serve our customers and answer the growing demand for nuclear laundry and decontamination services in Europe, ENS, a UniTech Services Group company, is aggressively scouting out sites for a new full service laundry facility in the United Kingdom.

The search encompasses Wales, East and West Midlands areas and the Lake district. In total, the search team has looked at over 70 properties. To date, potential sites in Cardiff, Pontypool, Wrexham, and Skelmersdale have been identified. ENS hopes to finalize the search by June 2007 and begin construction shortly thereafter.



To ensure a smooth transition, the ENS health physics department is working in conjunction with the Environment Agency to attain the necessary licenses to operate the United Kingdom's first independent nuclear laundry and decontamination center. ■■

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