



# SAFETY UPDATE

February 2011 Edition

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## THE INCIDENT REPORT

During the month of January, we had 3 chargeable vehicle incidents, starting off 2012 on a bit of a downer. These three are the most January chargeables in 4 years. At this time last year we only had one chargeable (200% increase). One of the incidents occurred in a fast food parking lot (not a very good place for mixer trucks to maneuver) when the mixer struck a parked vehicle causing minor damage, another occurred on a job site when a mixer struck and caused damage to customers product and the final one occurred on a very congested street when two cars cut off our driver causing him to apply the brakes and veer to avoid rear-ending those vehicles striking a car in the right lane with his bridge axle. Although the damage was fairly minor, the other party was injured. All of these incidents had one thing in common; the drivers were not focused on their surroundings. Everyone needs to take that extra minute to be sure they know where all of the potential problems might be.

This was our third month in a row with ZERO OSHA recordables. Our count for 2012 is at 0 compared to 1 through January of 2011 (100% reduction).

**Let's get back on track for 2012 and keep our eye on the goal:  
ZERO PREVENTABLE VEHICLE ACCIDENTS & ZERO OSHA RECORDABLES!!!**

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## PLANT SAFETY INSPECTIONS – 100% COMPLIANCE

**That's 4 months in a row and counting with 100% compliance.  
Way to go, let's make it 5 in a row in February!!**

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## TRAINING

### **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

**EVERY PLANT GOT THEIR JANUARY TRAINING TURNED IN ON TIME. THIS IS THE 4<sup>th</sup> MONTH IN A ROW THAT YOU ALL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS GOAL, SO LET'S SHOOT FOR FIVE IN FEBRUARY**

*I hope that everyone has gotten their new year off to a great start. As always, we need to take some time to reevaluate our programs. One in particular that will be a focus over the next few months is the pre/post trip truck inspection process. Take some time to discuss this topic amongst yourselves to be sure everybody is doing everything they can to not only find deficiencies but to get those problems addressed. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate in contacting the safety department for clarification*

*This month's training topics are*

**"REPORTING-INVESTIGATING ACCIDENTS, SWPPP BMPs AND HOURS OF SERVICE UPDATE"**

*and they can be found at <http://www.snwreadymix.com/MonthlySafetyTrainingTopics.htm>.*

- It is vital that **EVERY** incident is reported; first, to your immediate supervisor and then to the safety department. The severity of the incident should not be a determining factor about reporting it, but rather that fact that it happened should be reason enough. If we have an incident, everyone can learn something from it. We are also encouraging everyone to report near-misses whenever possible. These are special opportunities to recognize a hazard and possibly "fix" it before someone gets hurt.
- **The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) best management practices (BMPs) are a very important part of a top-notch Environmental program. Let's take the time to see what those BMSs are and make sure we are following them. The best way to help our children is to give them a world they can live in.**
- **The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has made some changes to the Hours of Service (HOS) laws that are currently on the books. The changes begin to go into effect, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The part that affects us will involve the penalties imposed on companies for violations of the current law. In 2013, the HOS rules will include a pretty significant change in how the 34-hour restart is calculated. If you have any questions about this info, please contact the Safety Dept.**