BUILDING A SAFETY CULTURE

Safety isn’t just about compliance; it’s about valuing employees and minimizing on-the-job risks while delivering high plant performance. The most successful safety plans are those that create a culture of safety.

What does this mean? Culture is a group of shared beliefs, practices, and perceptions — something people do without thinking. To foster a company culture of safety, it’s essential that asset owners reinforce good practices. In this way, employees will practice work safety because they believe in it, not because they’re required to. By valuing employees, asset managers can set the company up for success by keeping work productive and on track.

Commitment and communication are two key ingredients to building a safety culture. Changing culture starts with management commitment to safety objectives. EDF Renewable Services works with senior executives to create safety objectives that fit within company goals and philosophy; in this way, executives set a standard and example that permeates throughout the rest of the company.

Communication is also essential. From start to finish, employees must understand safety procedures and issues must be pointed out as soon as they arise.

Safety is a core value of EDF Renewable Services that also aligns with clients’ profitability objectives. Beyond providing a health and safety procedural manual, an integral part of O&M services is to establish safety principles and practices. To achieve this, EDF Renewable Services’ team of experts works with upper management to design safety protocols that help ensure a safe and productive environment.

Safety metrics are continuously monitored, and performance is tracked via an online portal as well as through weekly and quarterly communications with EDF Renewable Services’ project managers. In this way, EDF Renewable Services is able to identify and respond to potential deficiencies in clients’ health and safety plans and proactively work with them for the betterment of the employees, projects and bottom line.