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AB&I Marks New Year with Major Environmental, Safety Programs



As part of AB&I's ongoing foundry improvement process, nearly \$6 million has been invested over the past two years in major environmental and safety enhancements. The coming year will see these improvements come fully on-line, with benefits to worker safety, foundry cleanliness, and AB&I's bottom line.

"When McWane bought AB&I last year, they bought the safest, best-run foundry in the business," said AB&I's Kip Wixson, "but these recent improvements, and the ones to come in 2008, will make us even better."

Team members are undergoing additional training in safety and environmental awareness, and key management positions have been created to shepherd this new Environmental, Health and Safety Program through to full implementation.

During 2007, numerous improvements to foundry processes were put into place, including a new cupola baghouse upgrade, a molding fume baghouse upgrade, extensive machine guarding to lessen the chance of operator accident on the foundry floor, and a detailed new lockout/tagout

system for reducing the potential for maintenance-related accidents.

"Every department in the foundry is impacted by this new EHS Program," said Michael Lowe, AB&I team member in charge of special projects. "From the dramatic reduction in solid waste, to the huge improvement in our recycling efforts, we're all engaged in making AB&I a cleaner and safer place to work."

Upgrades for the immediate future include major improvements to the in-plant water treatment facility, and additional upgrades to the baghouses associated with cupola and molding fumes. Additional changes include further safety enhancements to the foundry equipment, and more training for our team members to make certain that safety and environmental awareness remain top priorities at AB&I.

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