



Energy Services at Work

H.T. Lyons shares secret of safety success

H.T. Lyons Inc. recently celebrated a remarkable record — 3 million man-hours worked without a lost-time incident.

DSM Nutritional Products asked H.T. Lyons representatives to discuss its safety culture last month at DSM's quarterly meeting. H.T. Lyons provides engineering, piping, process and sheet metal installation services at DSM's plant in Belvidere, N.J., which makes bulk and specialty vitamin mixes and other nutritional products.

According to DSM representatives, the company hopes to learn best practices and attitudes that contribute to H.T. Lyons' strong safety performance.

The mechanical contracting company has gone more than five years without a lost-time accident. That record includes fabrication, construction and maintenance work at the facilities of all H.T. Lyons' clients, not just the DSM plant.

H.T. Lyons President Rick Perosa said awareness plays a big part in the company's safety record. The company has an active safety committee and promotes safety messages in a variety of ways, ranging from annual safety objectives, to weekly meetings, to T-shirts.

H.T. Lyons also emphasizes the message that employees should take care of each other on the job by watching out for potential safety hazards and following correct procedures.

"We watch each other's backs, take care of each other and don't let anybody go home hurt," Perosa said. "It's a team approach."

Recognizing safety efforts



Kevin Lambert, H.T. Lyons Safety Manager (center) and Buddy Kida, H.T. Lyons General Manager-Industrial Division (left) receive an award on behalf of H.T. Lyons from Greg Gutka, DSM Nutritional Products.

Safety efforts celebrated

H.T. Lyons, which serves Pennsylvania and New Jersey from locations in Allentown and Scranton, Pa., has been recognized numerous times for its safety efforts.

"Safety is a core value at H.T. Lyons," said Rick Perosa, president of H.T. Lyons. "But we could not attain our recognized level of safety excellence without the assistance of our valued clients and partners."

Recent customer awards for safety performance include:

- Air Products & Chemicals
- Sanofi Pasteur
- DSM Nutritional Products
- Sands
- Jacobs Engineering

H. T. Lyons was one of only three construction firms, and the only U. S. contractor, to receive an Air Products & Chemicals safety award last year.

Associations recognizing H.T. Lyons safety excellence include:

- Mechanical Contractors Association.
- American Subcontractors Association.
- Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association.

“Leading the Way with Safety” is our commitment to our employees and our customers.

We're in the top 1%

With more than 3 million man-hours and more than five years without a lost-time accident, H.T. Lyons' experience modification rate was reduced to 0.696 effective March 31, 2009. This puts H.T. Lyons in the top 1 percent among Pennsylvania's 2,339 mechanical contractors.