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From Safety Excellence to Business Excellence

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About the IFA Technical Committee

The IFA Technical Committee encourages the development and adoption of technology improvements that can lead to greater production efficiencies and reduced emissions, as well as better health and safety standards throughout the fertilizer industry. Our mission is to actively promote the sustainable development of efficient and responsible production, storage and transportation of all plant nutrients. The Technical Committee accomplishes these objectives through a variety of channels, including:

- <u>Technical and policy-oriented information materials</u>. The committee regularly conducts surveys and produces reports on key industry metrics, including the IFA Energy Efficiency and CO₂ Emissions Report, the IFA Safety Report, and the IFA Emissions Report. This work enables member companies to assess their operations over time, make comparisons with similar facilities on an established level of performance, determine the need for technology improvements and identify good industrial and management practices.
- <u>Regular exchange of information on technology developments and industrial practices</u>. A key role of the IFA Technical Committee is to encourage ongoing technical innovation in the fertilizer industry through the development, compilation and exchange of technical information between members, researchers, engineers, equipment suppliers and other industry associations. To this end, the committee organizes a Technical Symposium every other year to examine progress in the production technology of fertilizers.Each Symposium traditionally features the presentation of 30-40 new technical papers from member companies worldwide, providing members with information on the latest technological developments. In the intervening years, the committee holds a variety of meetings to assess current industrial practices and standards, with an eye toward identifying key developments of interest to members.
- <u>Technical and educational workshops and special events</u>. The IFA Technical Committee provides workshops designed for engineers working in the fertilizer industry, particularly those who have recently assumed new responsibilities, and for new engineers to increase their technical knowledge. These workshops (e.g. concentrating on nitrogen and/or phosphate fertilizer production) are designed to improve the participants' skills and broaden their vision and understanding of the entire industry, including technology, economics, energy use, safety and environmental stewardship. Workshops also provide engineers with an opportunity to exchange ideas, solve specific problems and improve plant operations and profitability.
- <u>Education and advocacy</u>. The IFA Technical Committee recognizes that customers, markets and regulatory environments are best served by clear and concise information on the fertilizer industry and its practices and products. Because the knowledge and expertise found within the fertilizer industry is the best source for this information, the Technical Committee endeavours to educate policymakers, standardization bodies, customers and the public on industry achievements, technological advances, voluntary initiatives and best practices. The committee also encourages universities and development centres to conduct research on fertilizer product development and production processes.

From Safety Excellence to Business Excellence

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Safety is about more than reducing on-the-job incidents and injuries and goes beyond cost and compliance. These are just the beginning. Establishing a fully integrated culture of safety – from the office of the CEO to widespread plant sites – leads to responsible business stewardship that motivates employees, improves performance and productivity, cuts costs and has a positive impact on results.

Instilling a safety culture throughout an organisation engenders respectful, ethical behaviour that extends from the awareness of possible hazards on the factory floor to reporting corporate earnings. Safety is a proven route to changing people's behaviour, developing leadership qualities and strengthening the corporate immune system, which impact on all facets of a business. Safety serves as a catalyst for achieving excellence in business performance. No company can excel until it makes safety a way of life and a way of doing business. Safety is a strategic business value. There is a solid cause-and-effect relationship between a company's dedication to safety and its drive for operational excellence. In short, if you can't manage safety, you can't manage your business.

Creating a safe working environment is about more than removing hazards and instituting safety procedures. It's about people: their attitudes, how they behave and how they think. They are the critical factor in making a workplace safe. Safety management is a means and methodology of changing behaviour that results in a mindset of safety. This change can occur only when everyone "owns" the culture of safety. The progression from a "reactive" approach to safety, based on enforced compliance, to an independent ability to take care of oneself to an interdependent "team" approach illustrates the behavioural change that takes place as a culture of safety takes hold. Through creating self-sustaining interdependence, DuPont helps people work differently by raising the level of responsibility employees feel towards each other, from the CEO to all levels of the organization.

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A key to success in safety management is making safety a line responsibility, driven by a strong and visible sense of commitment on the part of senior management. This means going after the root causes – instituting practices that will prevent incidents from happening – rather than concentrating on the consequences. It also means actively engaging all levels of an organisation in making substantive changes. This fully integrated approach – treating an organisation like an organism – leads to "felt leadership". "Felt leadership" refers to management commitment that is so well communicated that it is experienced at all levels. It imposes the critical element of accountability and leads to operational discipline and social responsibility.

The most critical component of a company's corporate image is the behaviour of the people who work there. Corporate image is an extension of a corporate value system, of which the most universal and powerful element is safety. In today's interconnected world, a single minor incident – or misbehaviour by just one employee – can threaten a whole corporation as it is broadcast, and possibly distorted, with lightning speed. Our culture of instant communication has a multiplier effect that can penetrate the far reaches of a company, as well as the community in which it operates, perhaps causing irreparable damage. While there is no such thing as a totally risk-free workplace, it is possible to strengthen the corporate immune system by developing an awareness and discipline that makes it possible to foresee, and thereby prevent, incidents from occurring. By understanding the profile of risks and sensitising by everyone in an organisation, it is possible to keep risks from becoming incidents.

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DuPont Safety Performance (Lost Workday Case (LWC) per 200,000 hours)











Anticipation through all dimensions



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Plant of Östringen 1988-2002 Lost Workday Cases in comparison to yields and personnel (1988 = 100%)



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Workplace Injuries - The Iceberg Analogy











Safety Excellence includes...



When an injury happens, we have "successfully" bypassed a number of prevention mechanisms



Most of Costs are also hidden



DuPont Safety Resources

DIRECT COSTS

Medical costs Wage indemnity Claims administration fees

INDIRECT COSTS

Insurance premium increase Damaged equipment & goods Lost production and quality Process Interruptions/Yield Losses Replacement Labor / Overtime Litigation Damage to Customer Relations & Public Image

The miracles of science

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How do the best companies achieve excellence in Safety, Health & Environment ?

- Leadership at the top
- Clear management visibility & leadership
- Clear set of values around safety
- A Health & Safety management system
- Involvement of all employees in safety & health
- Monitoring performance Leading Indicators
- Accountability at all levels of an organization
- Open sharing of knowledge & information

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Safety Paradigm Shifts efformance

FROM NOW TODAY Cost					TO FUTURE TOMORROW → Competitive Advantage					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Injuries	Injuries are unavoidable.					All injuries can be prevented.				
Major injuries are investigated.					All incidents are investigated.					
Accountability is delegated to professionals.					Accountability is vested in the line organization.					
Most injuries result from design, equipment, and/or procedure failures.					The vast majority of injuries result from actions of people; the focus is on mindset and awareness.					
Safety off the job is a personal matter.					Off-the-job safety = on-the-job safety.					
Contrac	Contractors can follow their own standards.					Contractor safety = corporate employee safety.				
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