



2021 Award for Excellence in environmental, health, safety and security

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Due to the covid-19 pandemic in 2020, McGean had to reassess the safety training program. Usually, McGean holds monthly safety training presentations in an auditorium on-site. However, due to the Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, McGean was unable to meet in the auditorium every month safely. It would be impossible to hold safety training presentations while being socially distant, plus McGean did not want a lot of people together in an enclosed area. Training on EHS topics is very important to McGean's operation and success. McGean's chemical operators' health is just as important, if not more.

To make sure McGean's operators stayed covid free, and received the valuable safety training, the safety training program needed to be revamped. McGean's idea to make sure EHS topics were covered in a socially distance manner was to create safety training handouts. These handouts contained EHS topics in easy-to-read hardcopy print outs that were handed out to each chemical operator. Each handout contained a quiz to make sure the information was getting through to the operators.

McGean picked out very important EHS topics to still do in-person trainings on. These in-person presentations were done safely by scheduling operators to show up at certain times and with assigned seating.

The Ohio Chemistry Technology Council recently announced the recipients of their Annual Awards for Excellence which recognizes Ohio chemical companies who have demonstrated exceptional performance in environmental, health, safety and security over the previous year. Awards were presented to 17 facilities from around Ohio, all of which had significant contributions and achievements in 2020.