

### The Dose

The Merrick Group, Inc.

MARCH 2022







DATA
MANAGEMENT
TRAINING &
EDDY CURRENT
CERTIFICATION

Above: Rhonda Lambert, ECT Level III and data manager, conducted the data management training at our Denver, NC office. Rob Zecker, Jayden Muellner, Josh Bennett, Austin Wirz, Chris Diltz, Ashley Williams & Reese Eyerly attended.

MARCH

SSES
BRUNSWICK
WATTS BAR
DC COOK
MCGUIRE



Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>





Above: Jake Endres, Principal Level III, certified Reese Eyerly & Jonathan Marshall as Level IIA Analysts



Above: Steve Joiner and Jake Endres certified new Level I and Level II technicians: Brayton Oakes, Stacy Young, Scott Allis, Cody West, Matt Mesce & Rachel Rauch





### **DISTRACTED DRIVING**

Using cellphones or other devices while driving has proven to be deadly. Smartphones have made it easy for us to stay connected at all times but that can pose safety risks. Mitigate the risk of injury to yourself and others by putting the cell phone down or placing it in airplane mode to eliminate the need to check that email or text and pull over if you must use your phone. As a passenger, encourage the driver to stay safe on the road.

Other distractions on the road can include eating, radio, passengers, makeup, & absent mindedness. Ask the question... Is it worth the risk??

The number of people killed 3,179 each year in vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers.



**Texting while driving** is 6x more likely to cause an accident than drunk driving.

Number of car

ocrashes every year.

1.6 million

The probability 1 in 4 that a vehicle crash involved a cell phone.

60% of people admit to using cell phones while driving at least occasionally.



### TRUCK & TRAILER SAFET

Situational awareness is a key human performance tool to utilize when operating a vehicle. Prior to getting in the vehicle, think about your task where are you going, what are you moving/hauling, who are you going to see, what path are you going to take, check lights, fuel, tire pressure, adjust mirrors, etc. IE - Do a two-minute drill/take a minute! If you are traveling with a trailer and it is feasible, walk down your travel path to validate any assumptions and identify any hazards or obstacles. Utilize a spotter as necessary to give direction when reversing and to aid in identifying hazards.

### To the Merrick Group,

I was the task director for the 1D Inlet Waterbox repair performed by the Merrick group and the Plastocor application. My first contact was with Jim Fisher leading up to the week of execution. Ryan Rondosh was the dayshift lead and Keith Owensby was the nightshift lead. During the work, I was on nightshift with Keith. I wanted to provide feed back to the performance from my point of view.



#### James Fisher

Jim was very engaging in all of my conversations with him. He was quick with his turnaround on any questions I emailed or texted him with. We were pretty much in constant contact for the weeks leading up to execution week. I appreciate him giving me the names and numbers of the leads on days and nights the week before execution. While I didn't talk with them directly, it gave me a chance to email them some arrival details. It was a very good hand off. I thought Jim did a great job at asking me questions to help him set up the job in the best possible way.

#### Ryan Rondosh and Keith Owensby

Both of these guys were very engaging. I was impressed with their knowledge of the plant, systems and processes. Both were very engaging at moving the process forward. Both were engaging with Rad Protection, Fire Marshall, Supply Chain, Facilities, etc. Plainly put, neither of them waited. They were always looking to the next step on working with the site to get it done. I personally appreciated that the most. The shifty report was great tool to review the progress. Both of these guys were professional, engaging and transparent in everything they did here at Plant Hatch. Both of them made this repair job be successful at Plant Hatch. I would recommend them for any job in our Fleet.

In short, I appreciate Jim, Ryan and Keith for the hard work, engagement and knowledge to make this repair work on 1D Inlet Waterbox to be very successful.

Thank you!

Phil D. Johnson
Plant Hatch - Chemistry Superintendent

## GET TO KNOW...

Location: Berwick, PA Owner: Talen Energy Reactor Type: BWR

Cooling Source: Susquehanna River

Constructed: 1973

Licensed through: 3/23/2044
Merrick currently holds contracts for HX
maintenance, circ water valve maintenance,
eddy current testing & several non-outage
ongoing projects at SSES.

# SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION



