

# **Engie Iowa Newsletter**

January 2025

# **Safety Updates**

The Safety Committee Meeting took place on December 11<sup>th</sup> and included an end-of-year appreciation lunch, along with a discussion on PPEs with Cintas. Additionally, the site participated in a Safety Stand-Up on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> with the rest of Engie NorAm. The site completed / participated in the review of the November Safety in Mind meeting on last Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. We conducted an Emergency Notification Drill for Chlorine with our needed resources (authorities) on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Our location participated in the Virtual Safety Visit of Ohio State on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The Chiller Plant's safety team met on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> which also included a 9 Life Saving Rules Celebration. The Oakdale Power Plant completed a site safety walk / visit on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. And the Campus Power Plant completed a site safety walk visit on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Note from O&M Director, Tom Andreski

Happy New Year! I would like to thank everyone for their diligent support through the last challenging year. We have a lot of good momentum rolling into 2025. Safety is our #1 priority and goal. Be your sister's and brother's keeper. If something doesn't look right, Stop The Work. You may be saving someone's life or limb. If there is a Near Miss, report it to Brent Anderson asap. The time might not be a Miss.

# **CAPEX Updates**

#### **CAPEX Construction Updates**

- Construction continues on the new Standpipe project. 8th ring has been installed and 5 out of the 6 pilasters have been installed.
- Work continues on the Newton Road roundabout – the utility work on this project is being executed under a Coordination Project Agreement with the UI. IronX Construction is the contractor. Roundabout and bus loop was opened up the last week of December.
- Steam and Condensate Project to Centennial Building, Main Library, and EPB. Punchlist completed, in closeout.
- Oakdale Power Plant Salt room roof Punchlist issued.

- Oakdale Power Plant Add UPS working on punch list
- Water Plant Ferric + Fluoride improvement. Control system is waiting on fiber optic cable to arrive. Fluoride system redesign has been issued.
- HSAB Work on S. Grand and Melrose has started.
- Water Plant Roof Substantial completion
- Hydraulic Lab Steam punch list complete, working on close out
- Gymnastics/Sprit Squad working on punch list items
- Biology/Van Allen tunnel work Award phase underway.

Days Since Last Recordable (11-20-2024)

## **O&M Updates**

#### Distribution

- Congratulations to Matt Heffernan, new Meters & Controls Supervisor, effective December 15. Thank you to Andy Koehn for serving as Interim Supervisor since August!
- Welcome to David Bontrager, Steamfitter, joining Mechanical Distribution on December 2.
- Thank you to the Mechanical Distribution team for assisting the Electrical Distribution team with some major cable pulls on the UIHC campus for the UIHC Emergency Power Generation Facility (EPGF) expansion project. This is an on-going project.
- Electrical Distribution completed the electrical gear installation and commissioning at the new West Campus Parking Ramp (WCPR).

#### Water Treatment Services

- Let us start off with the bummer news first and follow up with all the good. We regret to announce the departure of our HQW Supervisor, Michael Alston. He and his wife will be leaving sometime before mid-March to relocate close to family in Chicago. We have very much appreciated Mike's contribution to the group and his all-around good nature will be missed. We wish him and his family the best of luck now and in the future. Thank you, Mike!
- Please welcome Karen Kent as our newest team member and site admin for the water plant. Some of her responsibilities will be accounts payables, data entry, compliance, and documentation.
- Congratulations to Zach Passmore at the Water Plant for achieving his Grade #1 DNR Water Distribution Certification. FYI – last month he obtained his Grade #1 Water Treatment.
- Congratulations to Nathan Ardolino for achieving his Grade #2 DNR Water Treatment Certification.
- The maintenance staff recently completed an evaluation and repair on our North Sed Basin, which included sprocket and chain replacement, and a couple new guide rails. The goal is to make it two more years until a complete overhaul/update is completed via a CAPEX project.

#### Environmental

- On December 4, the environmental group presented Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) training to the Chilled Water Plant staff.
- On December 30 and 31, stack testing for formaldehyde was carried out on Gas Engine Generator's 1 and 4 at the Main Power Plant. Both engines passed with flying colors, which will allow the test frequency to be reduced from semi-annual to annual for these units.

Categories	Monthly	YTD
LTA's	0	0
SIFs	0	0
Recordable s (Medical Treatment)	1	1
First Aid	0	4
Near Miss	0	5
HiPo's	0	0
Equipment Damage	0	3





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Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Toys for Tots Toy

Drive!



#### **Anniversaries**

Jeremiah Greiner 24 years
Cole Roszell 8 years
Calvin Davison 8 years
Jared Barthelman 4 years
Randy Prier 4 years
Justin Lorenzen 4 years
Em Magnuson 2 years

### **Open Positions**

Sydney Schulte

Power Plant Operator positions, CW Systems Tech I, E&I Technician, E& I Technician Trainee, Electricians, Electrician High Voltage, Student Intern positions, Senior Project Manager

1 year

### **January Birthdays**

- Ann Rosenthal
- Joseph Conrad
- Joshua Smith
- Payton Hunger
- Gary McClure III
- Tyler Prizler

### **Engie Events**

01/20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day