Fuel Spills Must Be Reported Immediately

Recently a gasoline spill occurred at the C-751 Fuel Dispensing Facility and, unfortunately, the spill was not immediately reported. All spills of gasoline or diesel must be reported immediately.

As a reminder, when dispensing fuel 1) ensure that the drip pans provided at the pumps are utilized as directed by signs in the area and 2) stay with the vehicle to monitor filling.

If a spill outside of a drip pan occurs, 1) take action to stop the source, for example, quit dispensing fuel by releasing the nozzle, and 2) notify the PSS and Stores FLM immediately.

If you have questions regarding fuel spills, contact the PSS or Materials Management.”

Kentucky Emergency Management Workshop

The Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KyEM) conducted the Kentucky Governor’s 2011 Emergency Management Workshop and Energy Summit in Louisville, December 14-16.

USEC was a co-sponsor for the event, whose theme highlighted the private energy sector’s partnership with public sector responders. In response to interest generated by the 2009 ice storm in sustaining the power grid during disasters, KyEM also hosted the Commonwealth’s first energy summit.

Some key points of information:

1. Generators – General John Heltzel, KyEM Director, said KyEM has placed three, one million-KW generators at the Wendell Ford Regional Training Center in Muhlenberg County for deployment during power outages.

2. State EOC – Major General Ed Tonini, Adjutant General of KY and head of the KY Department of Military Affairs, which oversees KyEM and the National Guard, reported KyEM is building a new $12 million EOC in Frankfort. Calling it a digital communications and technical “flagship of the future,” for emergency response, he said EOC construction has begun at Boone Center.

3. IMTs – Due to the success of the Incident Management Team (IMT) concept that utilizes external incident commanders to assist distressed counties, Heltzel announced 10 IMT classes.

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A group of science students from Heath Middle School visited the plant’s Analytical Laboratory last Friday as part of an ongoing environmental education partnership between the school and DOE.

Lab Manager John Price briefed the students on basic scientific tenets and earned oohs and aahs with his demonstration of states of matter in which he used dry ice to shrink an inflated balloon and quick-freeze a freezer pop.

Lab staff members Sonia Stahr, Brent Montgomery and David Curry gave the students tours of the C-709 lab building and explained how the lab tracks and controls the 50,000 samples it analyzes every year.

The students are part of the DOE/Heath Middle School Continuing Science Program, led by Lisa Santoro, a Project Manager for the Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office (PPPO). Jeff Snook, DOE Infrastructure Engineer for the Paducah Site, provides support for the program.

During an earlier field trip, the students collected water samples from one of the plant outfalls near the Access Road. The trip to the lab was intended to help them follow their samples through the analytical process and understand all the quality controls necessary to ensure valid data.

United Way Super Bowl TV Raffle Ends Friday

The United Way Super Bowl TV raffle will end Friday, so get your tickets now. The 32-inch Magnavox flat panel TV was donated to USEC’s United Way Campaign by Sam’s Club. Raffle tickets are $2 each or 3/$5. Buy tickets in the cafeteria during lunch or see your local United Way Campaign Committee representative.
2012 Scholarship Applications Due February 28

Applications for USEC’s 2012 scholarship program are due February 28.

Click here to find a “fillable” form on the Intranet or go the Paducah News Resources Section and select “2012 Scholarship Application.” You may also call or email Public Affairs to request an electronic copy or stop by Public Affairs or the General Manager’s office to pick up a hard copy.

Applicants must be graduating seniors who are dependent children of active USEC employees. Six $1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

Submit completed applications to Public Affairs or to Ladino Lee in the GM’s office. Students may attach additional pages to the form if needed to capture extracurricular activities, work experience or awards and recognition. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of evaluators and the evaluators’ rankings will be averaged to determine the recipients.

W-2 Forms Have Been Mailed

W-2 forms for Paducah employees were mailed Tuesday, January 24. When your W-2 arrives, please check to make sure your Social Security Number is correct. If there is a problem with the SSN, or if you do not receive your W-2 by Tuesday, January 31, please contact Patti Ison at (740) 897-2843 or isonpl@ports.usec.com. Employees living in Illinois will receive two W-2s mailed in separate envelopes. - Donita K. Grashel, Corporate Payroll

Skywarn Storm Spotter Classes Online

In preparation for the upcoming severe weather season, the National Weather Service in Paducah will hold 10 online Skywarn Storm Spotter classes. The free classes are open to anyone interested in becoming a Storm Spotter. Each one lasts 2 to 2.5 hours. The webinars include the same content as the NWS basic spotter class. For a list of class dates and times, click here or go to http://www.crh.noaa.gov/pah/?=2012spottertraining

You must go to the website and register prior to joining a webinar.
Campbell Family Thank You

I would like to thank my co-workers and USEC for helping my wife and me over the last several months with donations, vacation, time off work, prayers and understanding as we recovered from my wife’s horrible car accident. Without your help and prayers, this trying time in our lives would have been much harder than you can ever imagine.

I want to thank USEC for being patient and supportive throughout this entire ordeal. The support shown from the plant and my friends meant more than I could ever have realized and helped out tremendously in the early-going. It’s so nice to know someone has your back when times get tough.

Thank you again, Tommy, Kelly & Belle (Tommy Campbell, UF6 Handling)