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Inspired to Maintain LEAN: Five S Program Implemented at MDL

Kevin Grace likes to be LEAN. So much in fact that this P-90X success story is the motivating force behind MDL's LEAN maintenance program.

What is Five S? Five S is a basic, fundamental, systematic approach for productivity, quality and safety improvement in all types of business.

A 5S program is usually a part of, and the key component of establishing a Visual Workplace and are both a part of Kaizen — a system of continual improvement — which is a component of lean manufacturing.

The Five S program focuses on having visual order, organization, cleanliness and standardization. The results expected from the Five S program are: improved profitability, efficiency, service and safety.

The principles underlying a Five S program at first appear to be simple, obvious common sense. And they are. So, what are the Five S's?

- Sort - the first step in making things cleaned up and organized
- Set In Order - organize, identify and arrange everything in a work area
- Shine - regular cleaning and maintenance
- Standardize - make it easy to maintain - simplify & standardize
- Sustain - maintaining what has been accomplished



Kevin Grace, MDL's Chief Operating Officer



This photo of our maintenance tool area depicts a a Five S environment: It's area is sorted and organized, clean and visually appealing.

PA's Top 100 People of 2009

Doug Lingsch was recognized by the *Pennsylvania Business Central* by being selected as one of its 100 Top business people in 2009. The annual list is designed to capture the breadth of experience and wealth of entrepreneurial spirit found in the 16-county region.



Recognized accomplishments:

- 1) Supplier of the Year for Letterkenny Army Depot
- 2) Receiving our ISO 9001:2008 certification
- 3) Volunteering service to our community
- 4) Implementing a new plant production control system
- 5) Implementing and sustaining a near paperless office environment
- 6) Reducing our energy costs by replacing the plant lighting with new energy efficient lights

<http://www.pabusinesscentral.com/2010/01/the-top-100-people-of-2009/>

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Happy Birthday Baby :-)



Warren and April Dull welcomed their first born, Luke Allen Dull, into the world on November 27, 2009. The vibrant and heathy boy weighed 7lbs. 12 oz. and 19 inches. MDL is thrilled for the Dull's of this great blessing. Congratulations!

Did you know?

Every department is being equipped with Standard Work Instructions Manual. These manuals will provide new and existing employees with:

- Work cell manual training and log
- Quality policy and job description(s)
- Standard work instructions
- Example documents and forms
- Work cell related company policies

These procedures are in coordination with MDL's continuous improvement of its LEAN work environment.

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