

Our Environmental Champions for January 2018, are our Red Deer and Leduc Grease Trap operations in Alberta! Check out below how these sites are meeting the EARTH 1st Principles.

Red Deer

Red Deer operations recently moved to a new facility. With their new facility came some opportunities to reduce their impacts and operate more efficiently:

- The site now uses tanks instead of large totes onsite. The tanks are stored inside to reduce the potential for spills to the natural environment.
- The new facility operates more efficiently, allowing more space to offload materials
- More storage space is available, reducing the potential for Environmental and Health & Safety incidents
- The new location now has pick-up for more waste streams allowing the site to recycle more items



Leduc

Leduc operations are currently using a portable filtration system to reduce odours at their location. While the trucks are being unloaded outside, this device connects to the exhaust system. The air is filtered and released through the other side causing a deodorizing effect. This reduces their potential impacts on neighbours. The device contains stones and a scented solution of their choosing. Special acknowledgements to Steve Howes, Tony Kaiser and Mark Snow for working together to design and create the filtration system specific to grease trap operations.



What else have the sites done?

- Installed new flammable storage cabinets for materials at each site
- Spill control pallets were set up throughout the facilities
- Installed caps on the drainage pipes within the catch basin to further protect the sanitary sewer system at Leduc
- Built a secondary containment berm around the organic collection tanks to prevent any potential spill impacts at Leduc
- Now purchase paper made from recycled materials
- Taught an EARTH 1st lesson at a local school during Walker's Week of Giving



Interested in more information?

- Is there something that Red Deer and/or Leduc has done that you could implement at your site? Please contact Steve Howes for more information.
- For more information on our grease trap services please visit www.walkerind.com

Let's meet the employees of Red Deer and Leduc!



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Operations Manager



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What's New in the Environmental Performance Department?

EPD has introduced two new programs for 2018, to help site personnel to effectively and efficiently manage and mitigate environmental risk: EnviroTalks and Self-Assessments.

EnviroTalks Program

The EnviroTalks Program provides facilities with basic monthly training modules that cover specific environmental risks, such as storage tanks, waste management, or government agency visits. They are written and designed for delivery by site supervisors at shop talks, safety talks, or time formerly allocated for the EARTH 1st Environmental Messenger. Each EnviroTalk requires approximately 15 to 30 minutes to complete. Completion of all of the EnviroTalks over a calendar year provides all site personnel with the core knowledge required to manage and mitigate common environmental risks. EnviroTalks will be revised periodically as applicable legislation and/or company policies change.

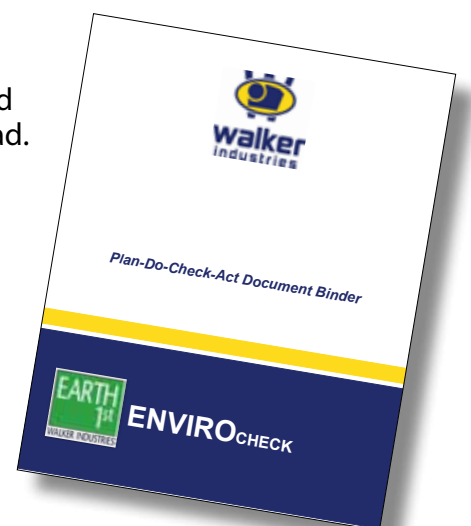
Self-Assessment Program

The Self-Assessment Program enables site personnel to review and assess their operations against a series of statements that relate to a specific monthly EnviroTalk topic (e.g., Water Management - Are all site discharges into sanitary sewer approved by a government body?). Each statement requires site personnel to provide a Yes or No answer. Each statement for which a 'No' answer is provided requires the site to create a Corrective Action Plan to address the issue, similar to the Corrective Action Plan process for the Environmental Performance Review (EPR). Each self-assessment requires about 15 to 30 minutes to complete. By conducting self-assessments and by developing and implementing the necessary Corrective Action Plans, sites will potentially reduce findings in a site's EPR and will demonstrate due diligence in environmental risk management at a site. Self-assessments will be revised periodically as applicable legislation and/or company policies change.

EnviroCheck Binder

The EnviroTalks and Self-Assessment Programs will be provided in hard copy within a site-specific binder(s) called the EnviroCheck binder. Each binder will be delivered to site managers or supervisors by their Environmental Lead. Electronic versions of the EnviroCheck Binder, including the Self-Assessments and EnviroTalks, will be uploaded onto the Environmental Performance Department Intranet page.

If you have any questions regarding the EnviroCheck binders, EnviroTalks and/or Self-Assessments, please reach out to your Environmental Lead for further details.



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