

## Quick Daily/Weekly Topic

### *Cold Weather Injury Prevention*

**Old Man Winter has arrived...with frigid temperatures and hard freeze warnings expected in the area for the next few days. The question is... are we ready? Remember the following safety information:**

- **PPE** - Potable water will be out of service to the production facilities, PPE for entry will include portable eye wash bottles and full chemical suits (FRC type in some plants). ALWAYS wear the appropriate PPE and wear it correctly.
- **Bundle Up and Stay Dry** - There is nothing more miserable than being cold and wet. Wear appropriate clothing so you can withstand the cold - minimize body heat loss and skin exposure (wind and moisture). Layers of clothing underneath FRCs are better than one bulky coat or jacket.
- **Slips/Trips/Falls Awareness** - Ice will form where there's puddles of water, so walk AROUND not THROUGH patches of water or ice. Be especially cautious on raised platforms, scaffolds, railcars/trucks and elevated walkways; use hand rails on stairs.
- **Freeze Protection Planning** - Use your Freeze Plans to ensure your facilities and equipment are prepared.
- **Ice Accumulation/Buildup Prevention** - Route low point drains from potable water lines away from concrete walkways, equipment, and structures to ditches. This will eliminate ice accumulation/buildup on walking surfaces and equipment, hanging ice on structures and eliminate clean water flows.
- **Tarp Use** – When tarps are installed for cold weather protection, ensure compliance to the your facilities policies.
- **Make extra rounds outside on equipment** - Watch for the abnormal conditions that could be caused by frozen instrumentation.
- **Make the extra rounds on the Control Boards** - Frequently check your readings looking for any signs of frozen or malfunctioning instrumentation.
- **DO NOT RUSH!** Although we may be tempted to hurry through a task so that we can return indoors to warmth, please take the time to think through and carefully execute each step of every job or task with safety foremost in mind.
- **Be Your Brother's Keeper** - Lend a hand when necessary, keep a watchful eye, and get help if you need it.
- **Vehicles and Motorized Equipment** - When operating a vehicle or motorized equipment, be on guard for accumulations of ice in areas where water is known to accumulate and on elevated roadways. Remember to decrease your speed and leave plenty of room to stop. Keep windshields, windows, mirrors, etc. free of ice and frost.

**“WARM UP TO SAFETY”**