



North Dakota Contractor Stands Down for Fall Safety

Brock Services, a contractor who provides construction and maintenance services, including scaffolding, painting, insulation, shoring, lead and asbestos abatement, and fireproofing, participated in a fall prevention stand down at a urea production project near Beulah, North Dakota. Brock's 120 employees joined other contractors at the site for an 800 person stand-down.

The project is located at the site of the Great Plains Synfuels Plant near Beulah, North Dakota. When work is completed in 2018, the new plant will produce urea, a granular fertilizer commonly used in the agriculture industry.

One of the critical pieces of the stand-down was a presentation made by an MSA Safety fall prevention expert. The presentation included a review of fall prevention methods and a chance to see a variety of fall protection harnesses, deceleration devices, and anchors.

The highlight of the presentation was a fall simulation with a 200 pound dummy, demonstrating how the fall protection equipment deploys. This dramatic demonstration showed workers the forces involved in a fall, and the need to wear the personal protective equipment consistently and correctly. The discussion included the need to rescue a fallen worker quickly to prevent shock trauma and further injury.

Mike O'Campo, safety manager for Brock Services, calls the stand-down a great success. He believes the event grabbed workers attention, and that it had a positive impact by reducing complacency that can set in during a long term project.



A CO2 tank is delivered to the urea plant project.

Brock Services craft workers perform a wide variety of work. "Don't Just Get Ready, Stay Ready" is the motto Mike O'Campo uses to encourage Brock Services workers to be prepared to do any job safely.