

#### OSCAR Survey Results U.S. Department of Energy February 2009

## National Safety Council

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18,000 Members



# NSC Mission

The mission of the National Safety Council is to <u>educate</u> and <u>influence</u> people to avoid accidental injuries and deaths.



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### Research & Statistical Services Group

- Injury Facts
- Journal of Safety Research
- Robert W. Campbell Award
- Evaluation Research
- Research Design and Data Collection, Analysis
- Employee Safety Perception Surveys



## Why Survey Employees?

Better indicator of program quality

Sort strengths/weaknesses

Automatically generate prioritized action plan



# Why Survey Employees?

Facilitate employee involvement
Non-complex / non-intrusive
Inexpensive
NSC name recognition by employees
Benchmarking capabilities



### **Benchmarking**

NSC database contains results from 411clients

Percentiles, scaled from 0 to 100, compare your employees' responses with those of other survey users on 50 standardized safety program components



**Percentile Benchmarks Help You To:** 

Clarify the status of your current program
 Set improvement priorities
 Establish a baseline for assessing future progress
 Compare locations / groups



## Use Surveys As:

Evaluation Tool
Planning Tool
Motivating Tool



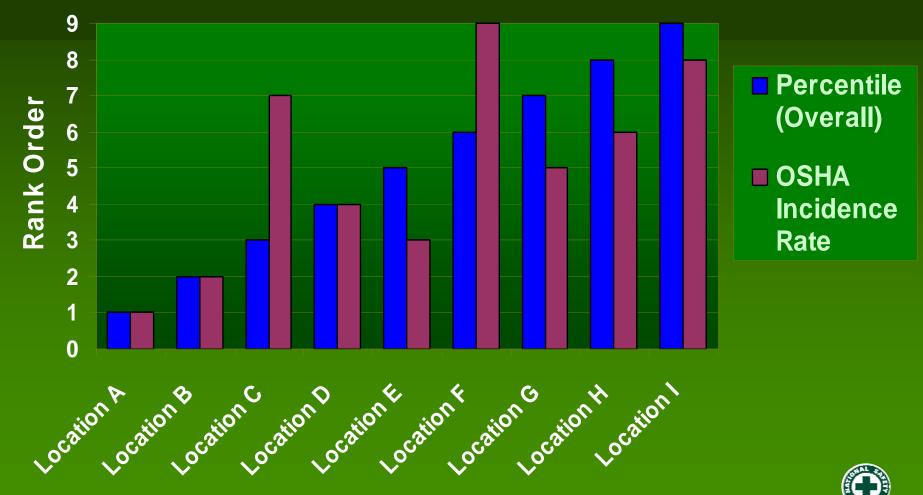
### **NSC Database Profile**

- 27% General manufacturing
- **15%** Mining
- 14% Food manufacturing
- 10% Chemical manufacturing
- 8% Electronics manufacturing
- 8% Federal / State / Local government
- **6% Public utilities**



### Validity Studies

Rank Order by Location OSHA Incidence Rate and Overall Percentile Score



## Challenges: Results Interpretation

DON'T focus on negative results
DON'T finger-point
DON'T knee-jerk / overreact
DON'T discount or ignore results



## Challenges: Results Interpretation

- DO keep employees informed
- DO include employees in results interpretation and program changes
- Actions taken from this point are more important than process of conducting survey
- Survey value increases with each re-survey
- Survey improvement scores maybe more important than current results



## **OSCAR Report Sections**

- I Involvement in safety
- II Company's safety management practices
- III Company's safety program
- IV Opinions about safety & management conditions (Safety Barometer)
- V Information about you
- **VI General comments**



### SAFETY BAROMETER Section

50-question survey
6 safety program categories
Provides a quick reading of your program's current status
Benchmarked against a database of past NSC clients



# Safety Program Categories

Management Participation (7 items)
Supervisor Participation (9 items)
Employee Participation (9 items)
Safety Support Activities (10 items)
Safety Support Climate (10 items)
Organizational Climate (5 items)



#### **Path Forward**

#### Following actions recommended:

- Team(s) of personnel should be identified to further understand survey results & implement changes
- Results interpretation team(s) should include personnel from all appropriate levels of the organization
- Proposed action strategies should be reviewed and endorsed by top management
- Results of action plans should be measured
- Feedback of survey results should be communicated to survey population & wider audience





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