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 **Key Objective:** "We Must Secure Our Future By Achieving Our Health, Safety And Environmental Goals."



Newport News' Operator's Daily Check List (ODCL) crane audit team include: (first photo) first-shift employees (first row, left to right) Charles Flemings (X36), David Long (X36), Carol Gardner (O36), Charles Whitmore (X36), Lowell Cramer (X36), Mark Gillette (X36), (second row, left to right) Evans Powell (O26), Don Talbot (X36), Sean Gilmartin (O26), Garnel Melvin (O26), Dwayne White (O26), Lenny Morse (X36), (third row, left to right) Robert Chappell (X36), Scott Cooke (O26), Jack Dotson (X36) and Glenn Bonney (X36); (second photo) second-shift employees (left to right) James Lewis (X36), Robbie Vines (X36), Bruce Neal (X36) and Bill Thomas (X36); and (inset) third-shift employee Rusty Phaup (X36). Employees William Forrest (X36), Liane Gori (O67), Morris Harrell (X36) and Jeff Schultz (X36) are not pictured. *Top photos by John Whalen*

X36 Recognizes Team For ODCL Crane Audits

Newport News' Waterfront Support Services Dept. (X36) recognized 22 employees on May 4 for participating in Operator's Daily Check List (ODCL) in-process audits.

ODCL audits are used to document the condition of Newport News' cranes. Seventeen foremen from X36 and five instructors from Training Services (O26) audit approximately 90 cranes each quarter. The audits have helped identify common problems that are then addressed in classroom training for crane operators and their foremen.

"I want to thank you for all the hard work you do with the ODCL audits," **Lenny Morse**, a general foreman in X36, told a group of first-shift employees. "We know it's a hard job, and we appreciate everything you're doing."

Morse said approval ratings on the audits have jumped from 20 percent to 90 percent, adding that Newport News' standards are so demanding that the 10 percent that fail would probably pass any other organization's audit.

"I've watched other organizations audit their operators, and nobody comes close to the job you do," Morse said. "You're the best group of people we've got to do this."

Morse also recognized **Carol Gardner** (O36) for developing X36's crane and rigger training and for her work with the Lead

What Is An ODCL Audit?

X36 General Foreman Lenny Morse explains: "Our cranes are audited by our customer, the U.S. Navy, and one of the things they look for is proper completion of the Operator's Daily Check List (ODCL). In-process audits are performed while a crane operator is completing his or her ODCL to ensure all operators are completing the ODCL in the designated manner. This ensures consistency throughout the yard and ensures that our cranes are in a safe condition prior to making any lifts. The ODCL has to be completed by the operator at the beginning of their shift, or prior to starting work with the crane during the shift. This part of the job has to be taken seriously to identify problems before they result in an accident." For more information on ODCL audits, contact Morse at 0-7839.

Crane Safety Task Team. "Carol is no longer working with the crane safety task teams or the audit teams," Morse said, "but we wanted to recognize her contributions to both of these very successful programs."

Datebook

- ☑ May 17: Carmen Carlton, regional sales manager for Northrop Grumman's online store, will be on the first floor of Bldg. 520 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with merchandise giveaways and prize raffles.
- ☑ May 18: Newport News' LEARN program will host "Northrop Grumman 101" at 4:30 p.m. on the sixth floor of Bldg. 520. (Note new location.) This month's presentation will be on "RadCon." For more information, visit the LEARN web site or e-mail: learn@ngc.com.
- ☑ May 19: The Tidewater Area CATIA Operators (TACO) will meet at 7 p.m. at the Peninsula Workforce Development Center. For more information, contact Serita Young (E51) at: Serita.Young@ngc.com.
- ☑ May 24: Newport News will host an American Red Cross Bloodmobile from 8 to 11:30 a.m. outside Bldg. 802 (The NetCenter). To schedule an appointment, call 8-0308. For more information, call 0-3011.
- ☑ May 26: Newport News will host an American Red Cross Bloodmobile from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. outside Bldg. 103. To schedule an appointment, call 8-9191, option 9. For more information, call 0-3011.

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⚓ Sector Ready To Launch New Web Tool To Request Leased Labor

Newport News' Employment Office (O20) is scheduled to "go live" on May 23 with IQNavigator, a new, web-based system for the submittal and tracking of requisitions for salaried leased labor.



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Achieving Competitive Excellence (ACE) initiative has identified IQNavigator as a method to manage contract labor and automate the procurement process, resulting in significant cost savings.

IQNavigator will be used instead of BrassRing as the system to request leased labor employees. It will be used to input leased labor needs, receive resumes and select candidates. BrassRing will continue to be used for creating requisitions for hiring into permanent company positions.

Current leased labor staff will not be impacted by the change. The use of IQNavigator will optimize resources with additional suppliers, who will be allowed to provide leased labor employees to Newport News starting as early as this May.

For more information, visit the O20 home page on Yardnet or contact **Marcie Bombelyn** at 8-4970 or martha.bombelyn@ngc.com.

⚓ Apprenticeship Banquet Speech Now Available On Yardnet

Newport News President **Mike Petters'** remarks at the 2005 Apprenticeship Alumni Banquet are now available on Yardnet. Petters talked about the sector's current projects and challenges and also provided a glimpse of the Apprenticeship School 50 years ago. For the complete speech, including links to two videos, visit: <http://yardnet/news/NN/ApprenticeshipSchoolAlumniBanquetremarks.pdf>.



⚓ 42nd Street Gate To Close On June 13 For One Month

Newport News' Crane Engineering and Quality Dept. (O48) has announced that the 42nd Street gate will close on June 13 for four weeks while a gantry crane runway is replaced. Employees who use the 42nd Street gate are advised to use the Bldg. 86 south mezzanine entrance or the 46th Street gate. The 42nd Street gate is expected to re-open on July 11.



⚓ Apprenticeship School Charters SME Student Chapter

The Apprenticeship School's student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) recently received notification that it successfully completed requirements for charter. The Apprenticeship School joins Norfolk State University and Old Dominion University as the only schools in Hampton Roads with student chapters. Pictured are chapter members: (seated, left to right) Kareem Soloman, Chris Matthews, Linda McMillian, Laura Brown, Valentino Crawford and David McDade; and (standing, left to right) Charles Cox, Ron Gorman, David Tilman, Bill Badgett, Matthew Causey, Rudy Leming, Ronald Toxey, Richard Loveless, Matt Hylton, Chris Guthrie, Cameron Vaught, Valerie Gray, Jason Boyd, David Yohe Jr., Chris Lamb, Marshall Clarke, Dan Brookman, Bob Leber and Jim Healy. *Photo by Chris Oxley*