

Nuts & Bolts

September 1, 2011

Company News Brief:

Fowler and Hammer sponsored the Coulee Region Humane society for the Annual Sand on the Riverfront competition. The Humane Society group won Best on the Riverfront for this year's theme: Sports of All Sorts



> Please do not use 411 on company cell phones, there are charges that incur, please call the office with any questions.

> **Attention:** We are looking for the return of two Metabo Die Grinders and a MK Table Top Brick Saw. Please drop them off at the yard or contact the office.

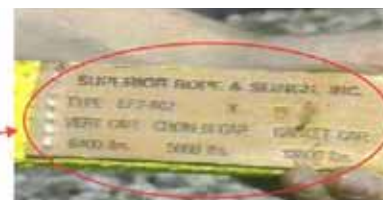
... > SAFETY FIRST: Chris' Subject Rigging Equipment OSHA Changes

OSHA has updated its standards regulating slings for general industry (1910.184) and construction (1926.251). This final rule became effective July 8, 2011. In summary, the new rule change includes:

- Removing all the load capacity tables for slings that were in the previous OSHA standards.



Wire rope sling tag



Nylon sling tag

- Sling Markings - Employers must now use only slings with permanently affixed identification markings that show the maximum load capacity for each sling.
- Shackle Markings - The final rule also provides similar protection for shackles, requiring them to show rated capacity. In the past, some companies did not require the wire rope slings being used at their sites to be marked with a tag and/or rated capacity. Based on the original rules it was not required. Only the nylon slings and chains had to be marked with a tag. Now, with this change, all wire rope slings must be marked with an appropriate tag as well.

The load capacity tables previously designated in these OSHA standards were based on the 1971 ASME / ANSI 830.9 standard, are now obsolete, and no longer conform to the load capacity tables of the updated 830.9 industry standards.

The outdated tables are being replaced with a requirement that prohibits employers from loading slings in excess of the recommended safe working loads shown on the permanently affixed identification markings.

BASICALLY - this revision prohibits the use of any sling that does not have a permanently affixed identification tag.

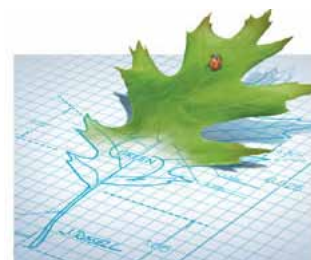
Upcoming Bids

We were the successful bidder on the Xcel Energy French Island 2011 Guard House Project.

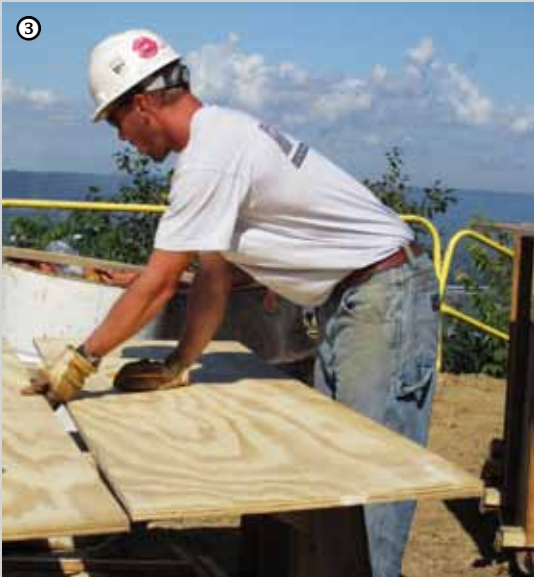


> LEED Facts

1. Prior to 2001 there were no accepted standards defining what constitutes a "green building".
2. The non-profit corporation, the USGBC filled the void in green building standards by creating in 2000 the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.
3. LEED establishes standards for green and sustainable buildings in commercial and residential building industries.
4. LEED helps to establish:
 - a. Clear, specific environmental goals
 - b. Set definable metrics
 - c. Attain measurable degrees of sustainability
 - d. Enhance PR and education



> Project Updates



Pics from top:
 1. Rick Brown unloading a pallet at Grandad Bluff.
 3. Shawn Kast measuring plywood at Grandad Bluff.
 5. Tom Weisbecker hauling a 2x4 for making forms at Grandad Bluff.

2. Ken Martin and Cody Peterson setting up forms at Grandad Bluff.
 4. Jim Harris and Russ Trost using the laser to set up forms at Grandad Bluff.
 6. Rick Wilhelm, Ken Martin and Cody Peterson at Grandad Bluff.



Pet of the Week



Meet Leo! An intelligent and playful 3 year old Springer/Catahoula mix. For more information about adopting Leo please visit: www.coulee humane.com



> Did you know?

- ✓ A shrimp has five pairs of legs.
- ✓ Tom Cruise did his own trick billiard shots for the 1986 film, The Color of Money, except for one in which he had to jump two balls to sink another. Director Martin Scorsese said he wanted to let Cruise learn the shot, but it would have taken two extra days of practice, which would have held up production and cost thousands of dollars. The shot was instead performed by professional billiards player Mike Sigel.

Safety Score Card:

1000 Hours:
 Darrin Schmidt
 Heath Hoscheit

2000 Hours:
 Kasey Boardman
 Jeff Williams



Your **CURRENT** Safety Team members:

Chris Towle
 Rick Wilhelm
 DuWayne Knobloch
 Eddy Kuster
 Dan Haney
 Brent Johnson
 Heath Hoscheit

If you have any ideas on interesting safety topics to feature in future newsletters please email them to: ctowle@fowlerhammer.com or drop off at the office.