

# Making Safety and Health Job One

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Research has shown that hand hygiene greatly impacts health and wellness, highlighting the importance of proper hand washing. When you consider that absenteeism costs U.S. manufacturers \$2.8 billion a year<sup>1</sup>, a healthy shop floor and office can equal bottom line savings. Incredibly, industrial employers lose 19 million work days each year due to cold and flu absences<sup>1</sup>. And in many instances, illness can impact workplace safety. People who come to work with a cold or flu may experience slower reaction times and may be prone to mistakes. And as for rental shop towels that can contain harmful heavy metals, a safer alternative like disposable wipers can help reduce lost work time due to injury.

The goal of this webinar is to make safety and health job one for everyone.

Key Topics:

- Insights on how to engrain a culture of safety within facilities
- Why safety and hygiene are important
- Practical solutions to help improve safety and hygiene

<sup>1</sup> Dept. of Health & Human Services: Flu.gov 2014 19

## Speakers

 **Kirk Mahan, Director Safety & Health Excellence, Global Safety & Health, Georgia-Pacific**

Kirk Mahan is Director of Safety Excellence & Innovation for Georgia-Pacific. Kirk has been with GP for 18 years, and currently oversees the company's pursuit of S&H excellence through identification and implementation of innovative S&H efforts. He is also a lead instructor in various S&H courses, a lead incident investigator, and a subject matter expert. Kirk has 25 years of experience working as a safety professional and an engineer. Previously, he was on the faculty at Georgia Tech for 9 years where he directed courses and taught in the OSHA Training Institute

Education Center located at the university. He also provided technical assistance to more than 1,000 facilities regarding S&H management, hazard identification and risk mitigation, compliance, and the pursuit of S&H excellence. Prior to Georgia Tech, Kirk worked as an engineer in textiles and construction.

Mr. Mahan is a registered Professional Engineer (P.E.) and a Certified Safety Professional (CSP). He serves on the National Safety Council's Board of Delegates, and is a professional member of ASSE. Kirk holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Tech and a master's degree in Business Administration from Georgia State University.

### **Tim Artz, National Distribution Manager, GP PRO**

Tim is a National Distribution Manager with GP PRO focused on Industrial Distribution and MRO suppliers. Prior to Tim's 12 years with Georgia-Pacific, he was with Unisource Worldwide for 14 years, where he was in the roles of Director of Marketing for Facility Supplies, Vice President of the Midwest Customer Service and Purchasing Center, Region Director of Quality Assurance, and Customer Service Manager. Tim graduated with distinction from Ohio Dominican University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and is Black Belt Certified in Six Sigma.

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