

Pictured at right are examples we like to call "Just do it" Lean projects (to borrow a catch phrase from Nike).

"Just do it" projects are projects that do not require a lot of company resources and/or time, but DO have an immediate impact on productivity. These projects generally do not directly affect someone else's work process up or down-stream. These projects, like all others, require the question, "Why?" and "Is there a better way?"

JUST DO IT

In answer to last month's newsletter question: **What have you done to affect that number? (our company productivity goal of 6 min/hr)** we have included below some examples of 'just do it's – what some have done to increase productivity by eliminating waste. Read on:

MESABI NUGGET: Reduced Wasted Motion

Workers on this large job-site suggested there had to be a less time consuming way to get hydrated on the jobsite. They climbed down the lift to walk to a water source so far away we couldn't get it in the picture.

Through a little discussion, a couple guys (who wish to remain anonymous) came up with a plan: find a way to place the water nearer the work.



Mesabi Nugget jobsite

A used cooler was purchased and placed more than 200' closer to the work area. This change reduced walking time to the water supply by more than 50%! An avg. of over \$500/day is realized in labor alone due to implementing this one small improvement.

RUBBER RACK: Reduced Inventory & Wasted Motion

Problem: When ASDCO, the Fab. shop or roofing would offload their material to the 'rubber rack' or a truck was staged to be loaded, the location was directly in front of ASDCO's culverts – a regularly purchased item. And as fate would have it, each time someone came in and wanted a culvert, a truck was in the way. With no other location available to off-load trucks or move the culverts, there was an ongoing problem. Putting a few heads together to discuss the issue, helped to identify a solution.

Solution: Move the rubber rack to new location nearer like materials. The result:

- The rack was no longer blocking the yard which opened up space for ASDCO to get culverts without obstruction
- Inventory was reduced, since going through the rubber rack also helped identify what was needed and what was not
- Better organization for multiple depts., was created. Moving the rack actually increased productivity for the roofing dept. by making loading and unloading materials easier and less time consuming.



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If you have questions or comments, please contact a member of the Steering Committee : Cindy Luoma, Heather Salfer, Craig Fellman, Roger Daoust, Tim Grimsrud, Shaun Johnson, Mark Ziells, Scott Drennen, Mike Dryke.

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Increase Customer Value Through:

- Empowering Our People
- Eliminating Waste
- Enhancing Productivity