# Creating a Visual Management System

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# Three Keys to Lean

- 1. Create an environment in which the abnormal can be distinguished from the normal.
- Develop a workforce that knows the right thing to do when they encounter the abnormal.
- 3. Empower the workforce to do the right thing.

John Shook Chairman and CEO Lean Enterprise Institute





# What is Visual Management?

In this context, it means the use of visual aids to manage the operation, including schedules, performance tracking, and project status

Displays Standard versus Actual

It's a way of communicating to a broad audience in a clear, concise way

It quickly puts information in the hands of those who can take action





#### Standards and Problems

# "Without standards there are no problems, only opinions."



Nate Furuta Chairman and CFO Toyota Boshoku





#### What is a Visual Control?

Any device or symbol that effectively places information at the point of use with few words or none at all.







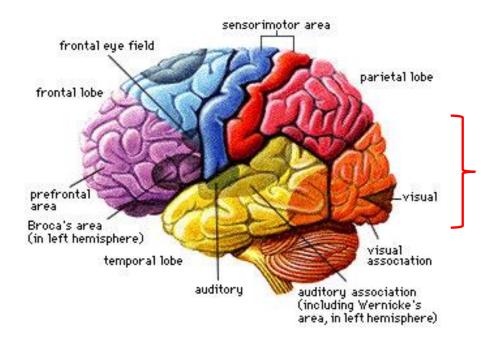


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#### Why is This Important?



Our brains simply respond better and faster to colors, shapes, patterns, and pictures





#### What Do These Mean? (Quick!)







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## **Major Types of Visual Controls**

- Information
  What is this? Where am I? Who works in this area?
- Instruction
  What should I do? How do I do it?
- Status of a process, a machine, a department, etc.

What is happening? What should be happening?





#### The Information Gap

- What?
- Where?
- When?
- Who?
- How?
- How Many?

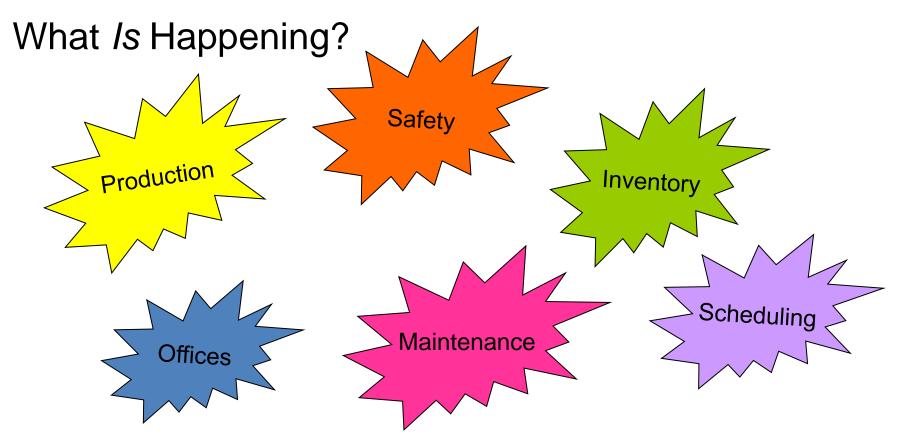


Are these answers obvious as we walk through the facility?





## Where Visuals Systems Work



What Should Be Happening?



# Visual Management Boards

- Should indicate the status of the process
- Should direct the leadership to areas that need support
- Should indicate the actions or countermeasures that are in process
- Should show normal versus the abnormal, or what is right and what is wrong







#### The Gemba Walk

A Gemba Walk is designed to allow leaders to:



- Identify existing safety hazards
- Observe machinery and equipment conditions
- Ask about the practiced standards
- Gain knowledge about the work status
- Build relationships with employees

The objective of Gemba Walk is to understand the value stream *and its problems* 





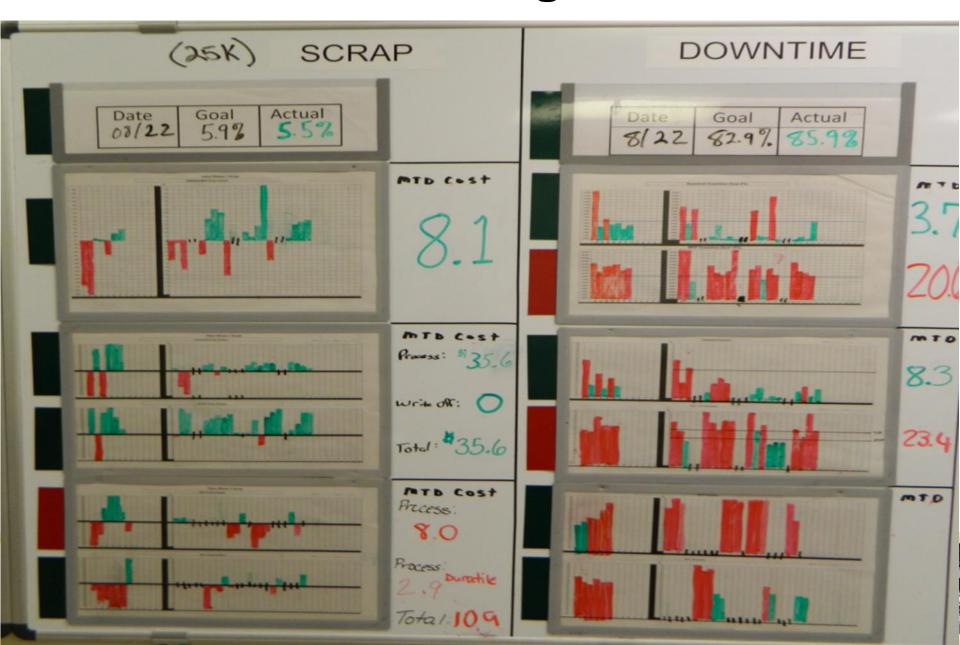
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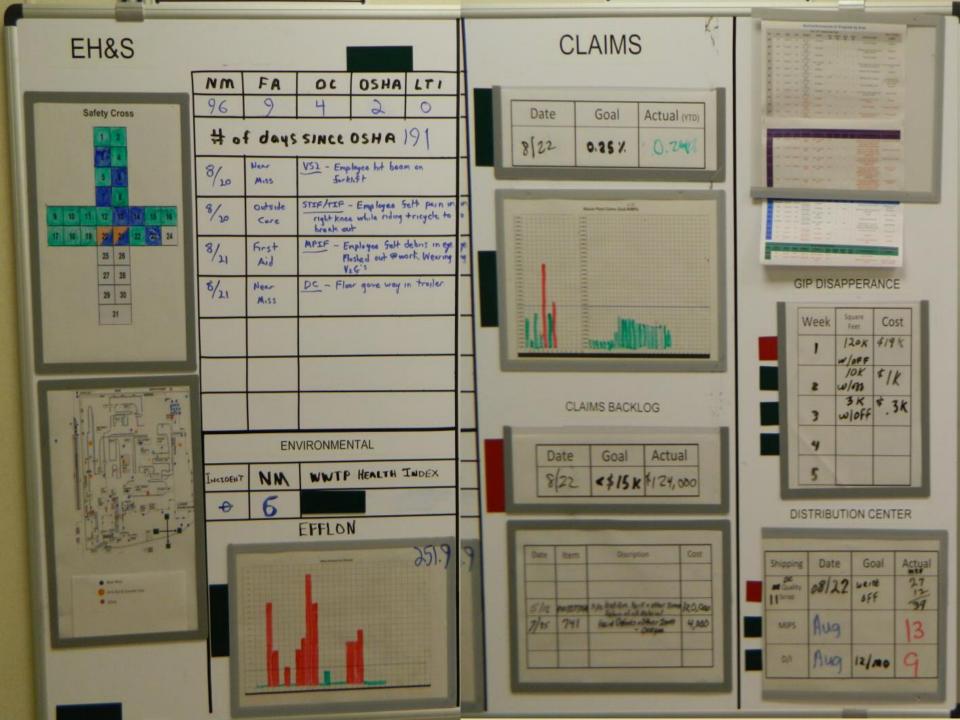
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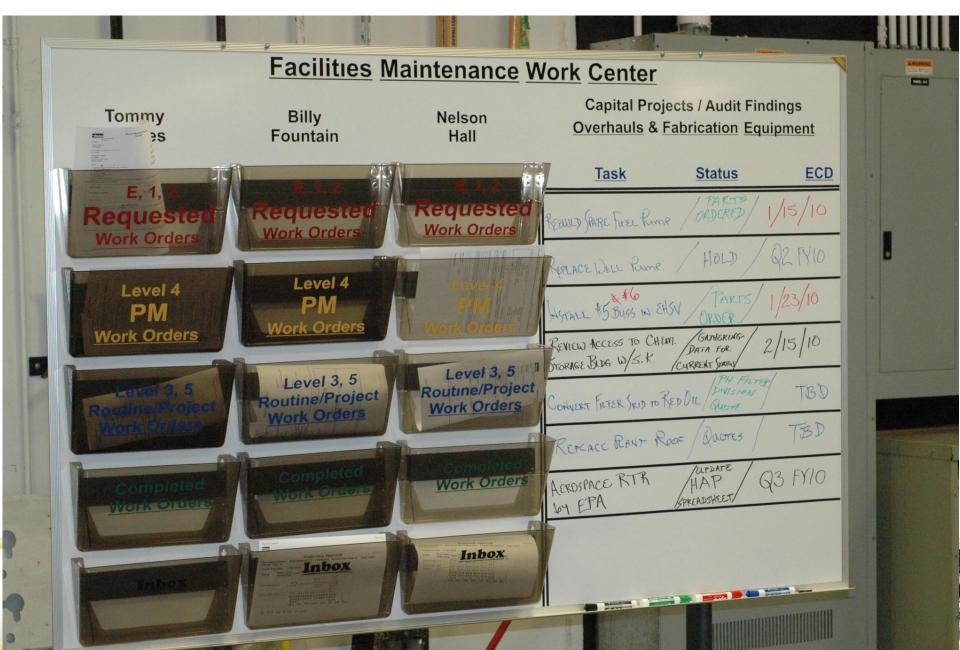
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#### **Facilities Maintenance**



## **Inventory Control**

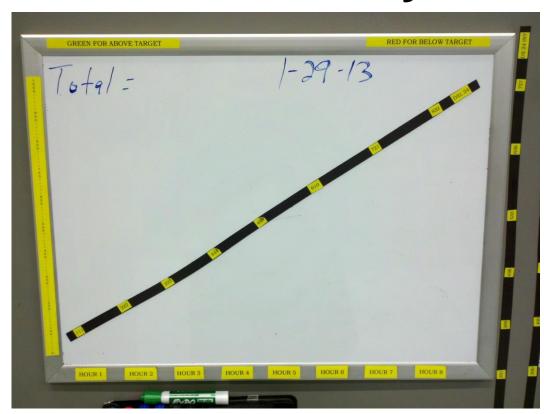


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# **Hour by Hour Chart**



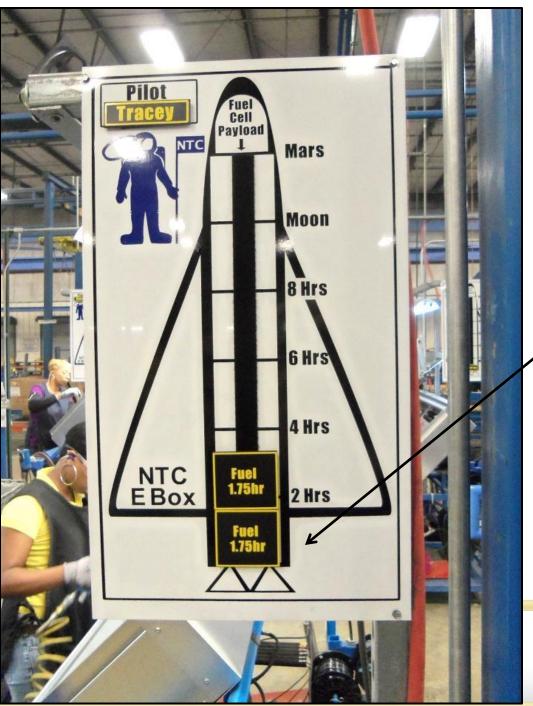






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OSHA-NEC REGULATIONS

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- 1. Space Shuttle is used to monitor individual performance (one for each bench).
- 2. Fuel Cell is brought to the bench when retrieving the shop order from the scheduling board .
- 3. Fuel Cell is posted on the back side of the Space Shuttle board while working on electrical box (work in process).
- Once the electrical box is complete the operator removes and posts the Fuel
   Cell onto the Space Shuttle.



#### **Visual Production Displays**



Each workstation displays current cycle time and overall production status



Downtime Tracking

O:05:29

Line Control Contr

- Current unit OK
- · Production behind

Current unit is within cycle time and production is ahead of where it correlated be at this time of day.

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Current unit behind www.



#### **Scrap by Team**



This board indicates daily scrap generation by team as a percent of total production.

It is color coded red or green against the standard goal percentage.

It is updated daily and serves as a gentle reminder for teams "in the red".

These numbers also provide a source of positive recognition for team performance.

The lower portion tracks monthly data and scrap savings.

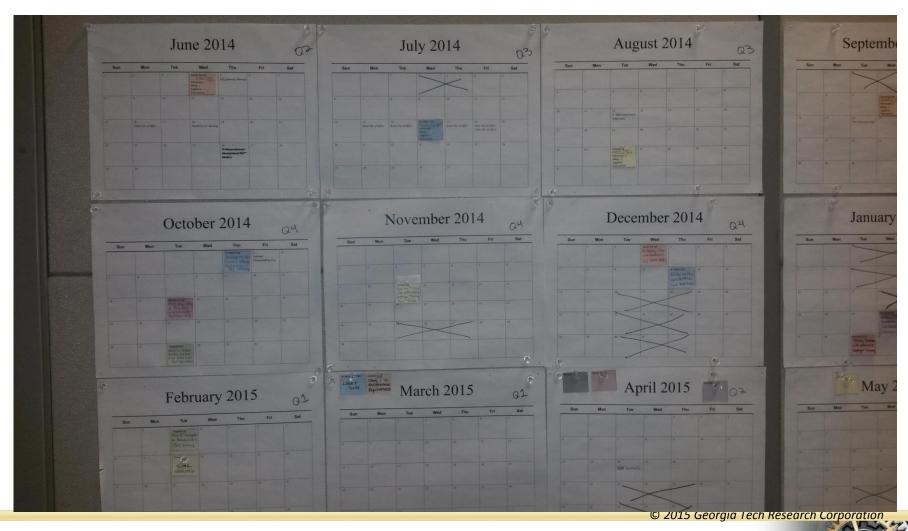
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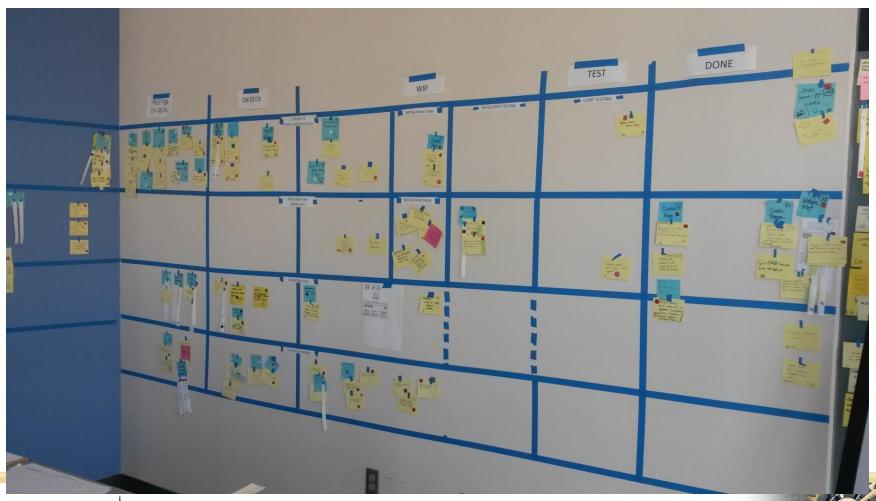
### **Visual Management - Events**







# Visual Management – IT Projects



### **Drive-by Visual Management**



### Implementation Questions

What should you be tracking?

SQDC / Project Status / Kaizen Activity

 What is happening? What should be happening? How do we close the gap?

Standard vs. Actual

What is the benefit of making it visual?

How should you display the information?

Manual or Electronic

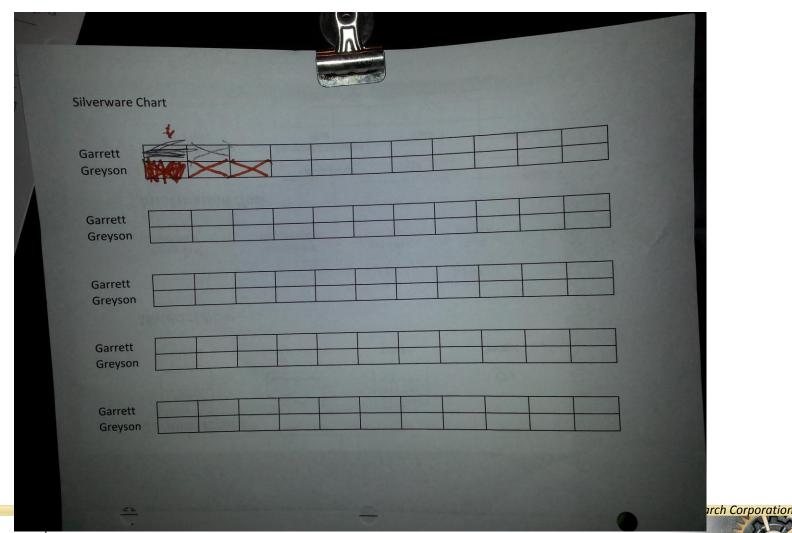
- What will you do with this information?
- How will the information be shared?

Team Huddles / Gemba Walks





### Visual Management at Home





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#### **Everyday Visual Management**



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