

Pull Planning

Practical Application



Previous Experiences

- **All Some form of Industrial**
 - Power Plant
 - Refinery
 - Semiconductor Plant
- **Foul Balls**
 - Not enough use of the Post It Notes
 - Didn't 'Lean in' Enough
 - Used an Excel Weekly Work plan produced by staff support
 - Still Too Much Reliance on the CPM Schedule
 - Not enough Training
- **Home Runs**
 - General Foremen Involvement Necessary
 - Phased and Methodical 'Chunking'
 - Not all schedule Details necessary to have a functioning plan
 - More inter trade communication, earlier



Why Change?

- **P6 is Tried and True, Right?**
 - Supervision doesn't see the work the way Gantt Charts Communicate it
- **Commercial Influences are Great**
 - Work Packaging
 - Offsite Laydowns and Just In Time Deliveries
 - Better efficiency
- **A Chance to Improve ourselves**
 - Deliberate Communication
 - Better Self Awareness
- **It wasn't the Process I liked**
 - It can be a headache- Lots more folks involved = more stress
 - You can feel 'without a net'
 - But....

The Foremen Got Better

- **Understanding of Production Rates Improved**
 - The Process is a daily report Card
- **Communication Became Deliberate**
 - Making Sure the others in the room understood what you said
 - There was no 'We talked about that' if we didn't
- **A Healthy Respect for Established Plans**
 - No more Plan changes on a whim
- **Ultimately**
 - Management had to spend less time Justifying and Updating the schedule
 - More time on Quality and Safety
 - I.e.- We had to spend less energy on process corrections related to schedule and more on building a great project.



Chunking the P66 Job Out

- **Project Data**

- One Year Job
- 100,000 Manhours
- 5 Units
- Civil Phase done, 180 tons of Iron, 16K LF of Pipe, 20+ Pieces of Major equipment

- **Targeted Milestones**

- Major Equipment Sets Prior to Steel Erection
- Large Heater Erection
- Fin Fan Arrivals
- Commissioning



Logistics











Pipe
Rack

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| PIPE RACK 6 |
| INSTALL PIPE ON RACK (COUNT DOWN 2/1) |
| PIPE INSTALLED |

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| PIPE RACK 3 |
| INSTALL/WELD MIDDLE RACK PIPE |
| First Bent 1-5 |
| MID. PIPE RACK COMPLETE |
| PIPE DELIVERY 4/13 |

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| PIPE RACK 3 |
| INSTALL/WELD MIDDLE RACK PIPE |
| MID. PIPE RACK COMPLETE |
| PIPE DELIVERY 5/13 |

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| SITE | 3MK |
| RACK TRIM OUT / DROP STUBS FROM PCT TO (SITE) | |
| JMK | Demery |
| Res Date | |

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| P. RACK 5 |
| INSTALL 2ND S. STEEL ELEM. OF PIPEWAY ON PIPEWAY |
| Col. LINES 4,3,2,1 |
| MY WORK |
| SETTING PIPE E. TRANS |
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| P. RACK 5 |
| FP CONNECTIONS |
| SCAFFOLD 108 |
| INSPECTION 184 |
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| P. RACK 5 |
| PP 41CF1 |
| SCAFFOLD |
| INSPECTION |
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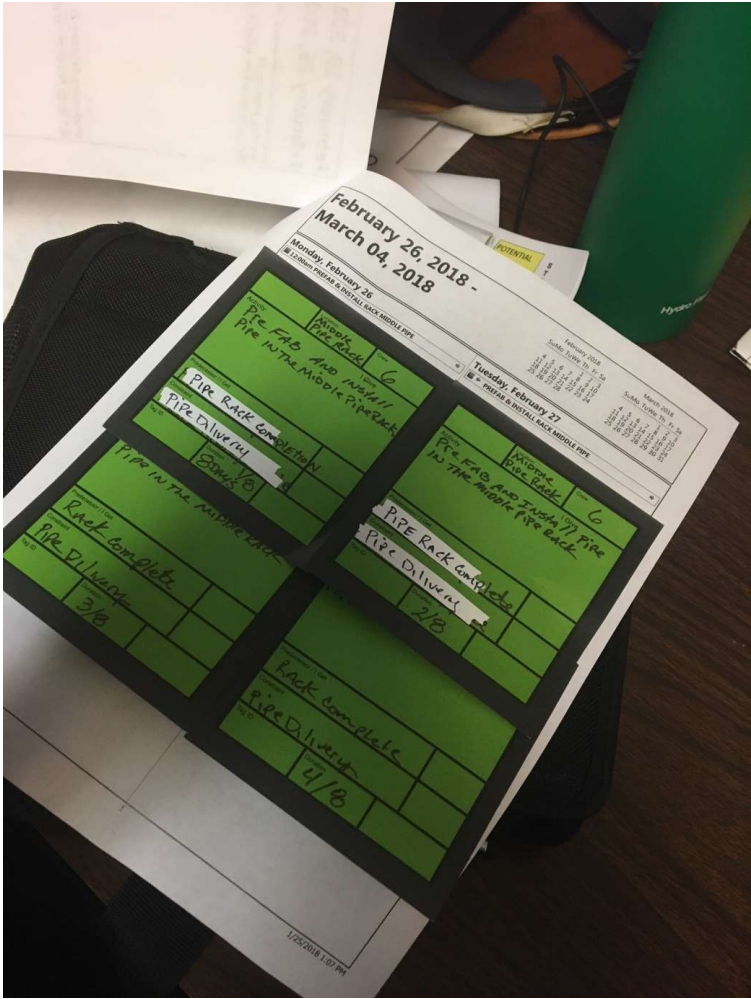
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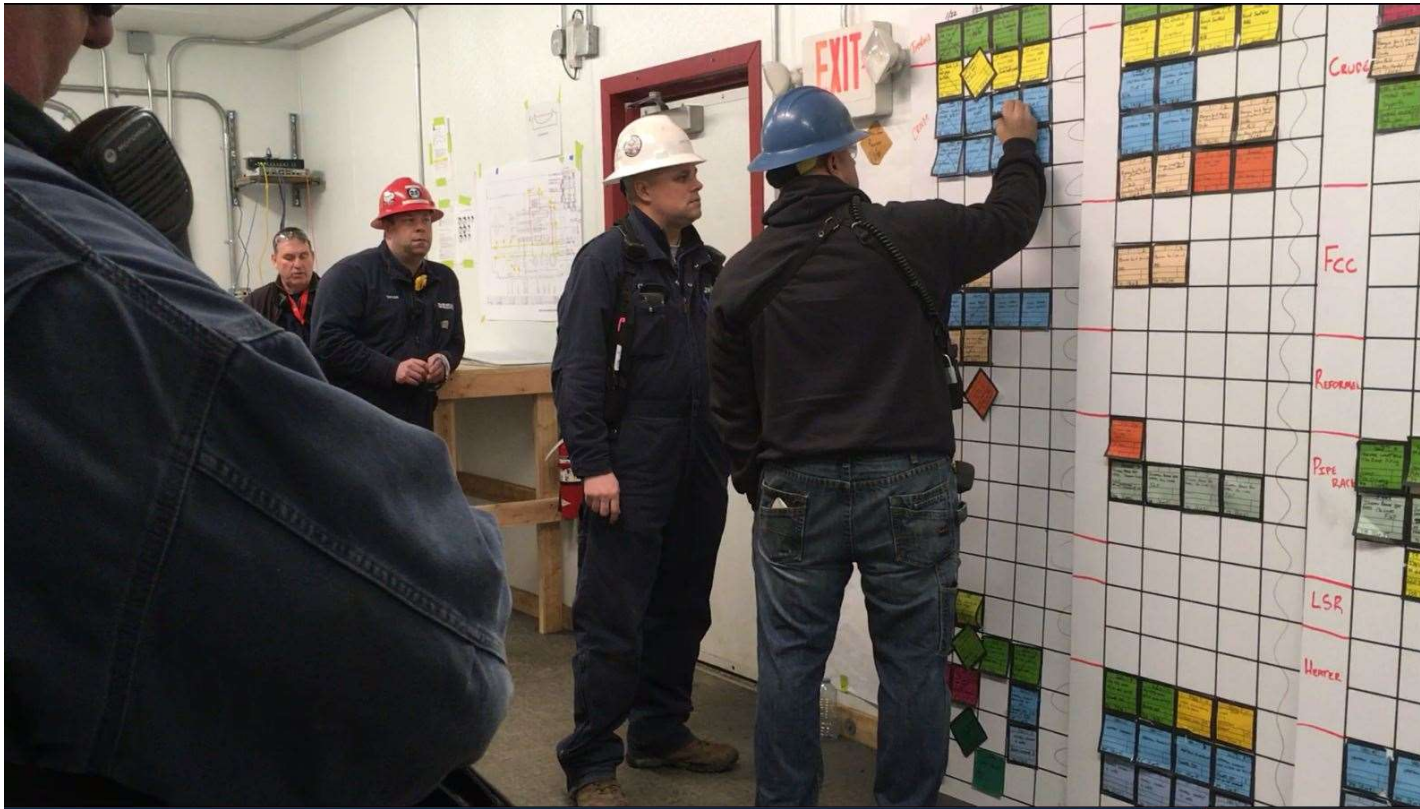
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| 41E-13 |
| Arrive on site |

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| Deliver 41 |
| Examined PIPE |

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| 41E-1/2/3/4 |
| Arrive on site |











Successes

- **Full Commitment to the Process**
 - Training
 - CPM Schedule exists in case we need it... Haven't Yet
 - Use of the Sticky Tabs instead of a Computer Forces Ownership by the foremen
- **Better 'Team' Approach**
 - Refinery Jobs Often Cost Reimbursable
 - Overall Project Success is Defined by the success of ALL contractors, not just the prime contractor
- **Schedule Ownership**
 - 'Your Schedule' is now 'Our Schedule
 - More Deliberate Communication on the Planned Scope
- **Problem Resolution**
 - All Stakeholders In the Room
 - Quick and Open Communication



Areas for Improvement

- **Analysis Paralysis**
 - All Stakeholders means a lot of Opinions- Causing
 - Groupthink and the 'Smile and Nod'
- **Fear of Failure**
 - Peer Judgement
 - "The Diamond"
 - Getting told what to do instead of being in complete control
- **Mutual Comfort**
 - Foremen Comfort and Trust in the Customer
 - Customer Trust in the Foremen



Key Things We've Learned

- **Don't be Cheap**
 - Get a Formal Training Done
 - Get a Good Space committed to this
- **Engage Everyone**
 - Use Staff to Help Facilitate
 - Get Owners and Managers involved in Making Commitments
- **Commit Fully**
 - Use the Post It Notes
 - Back off the CPM Document- It'll force better Use of this process
- **This is an Ideology Change**
 - You Won't be Perfect the first time- it's about developing the talent
 - You Probably won't save money the first time
- **Keep It Positive**
 - You Want the Foremen to Like this.... Or at least not be in pain...