

Ansell's reduced packaging helps Carolinas HealthCare System lower waste, increase savings

Red Bank, NJ-based Ansell recently introduced a new environmentally friendly, increased-count exam pack designed to reduce packaging waste and order re-stocking, and based on customer feedback, is saving significant dollars in waste processing and fuel consumption.



While the new packaging helps minimize frustrating floor stock-outs and shipping costs, the move also is helping customers send less costly waste to area landfills.

Carolinas HealthCare System (CHS), which manages 25 hospitals in North and South Carolina and employs more than 40,000 full-time or part-time employees, is one of the first large integrated delivery networks to welcome Ansell's new packaging. According to CHS, the system will realize a 40-ton reduction in packaging waste.

“This is a very positive step in the "green" direction and helps further our commitment to environmental protection and stewardship,” said an Ansell spokesperson. “As a medical device company committed to corporate responsibility and environmental consciousness, Ansell's goal is to provide premium exam gloves for personnel/patient safety and infection control while also providing customers with green solutions without compromise to safety or quality.”

‘Green Productivity’

Ansell's “Green Productivity” program is focused on energy management, and has been implemented at the company's Asian manufacturing operations. Energy management at Ansell focuses on achieving the most efficient and effective use of energy and simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



“Ansell is committed to protecting the environment and minimizing any environmental impacts of its operations,” the spokesperson said. “Our company believes that environmental stewardship is the responsibility of all employees, and environmental issues are communicated, tracked and reported at all levels of the organization.”

Sustainability is the driving force for Ansell's Green Productivity program. Productivity enhancement provides the framework for continuous improvement and environmental protection provides the foundation for sustainability development.

Implemented programs include:

- The installation of equipment to recover energy from flue gas emitted from boiler chimneys as an energy source to heat water;
- The installation of energy efficient equipment to provide chilled water for manufacturing site cooling systems; and
- The conversion of manufacturing site power plants to energy efficient cogeneration systems.

Ansell said future programs will include the installation of biomass boiler systems using wood pellets as the energy source. Greenhouse gas emission reductions generated by these systems will also result in the creation of Certified Emissions Reductions (CERs).

For more information, visit Ansell's web site at www.ansellhealthcare.com.

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