

DDRT Employee's Suggestions Improve Safety Procedures

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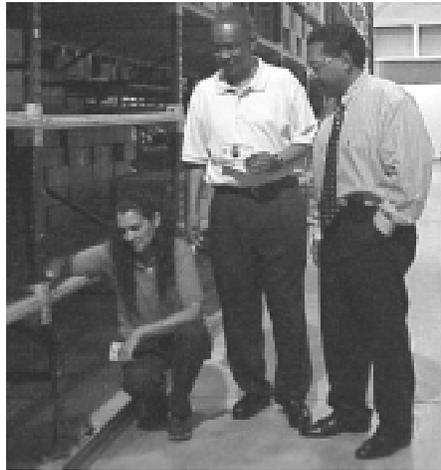


DDRT employee Kim Pendley finds a damaged rack in the distribution center's storage zone.

An observant employee helped to improve the safety program at Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT), earning DDRT an excellent review from an audit that was conducted this year by EA Engineering, an environmental solutions firm.

Upon noticing damaged racks in one of the distribution center's storage zones, DDRT employee Kim Pendley notified the DDRT Safety Officer who then developed and implemented a rack inspection procedure for all rack areas. "The ability for employees to identify unsafe working conditions in the workplace is an important

accomplishment that separates DDRT's Safety Program from other safety programs," said Mitchell Ware, DDRT Safety Officer.



Ms. Pendley notifies her supervisor, Mr. James Keeton, center, and the DDRT Safety Officer, Mr. Mitchell Ware of the damaged rack.

During the audit, EA Engineering personnel examined DDRT's training records, operational procedures, lost time accident investigation reports, building inspection reports, and operational areas. The

auditors were very impressed by DDRT's rack inspection program that was created on the recommendation from Ms. Pendley. The auditors also noticed that many of the DDRT employees had taken an interest in the safety program and this was suggested to Mr. Ware as an improvement that could



Damaged racks could lead to a lost time accident, personal injury or property damage if not reported immediately.

help the safety program at other installations.

"I sincerely appreciate the support and commitment provided by each employee at DDRT and look forward to creating an even better Safety and Environmental program," said Ware.

Always check for damaged safety equipment, spills on the floor, damaged storage racks, blocked exits and fire extinguishers, removed machine or dock guards and proper personal protective equipment.
