

Poland's first EPC project achieves Target Zero

Not a single day was lost, first aid was never needed and no accidents were recorded throughout the duration of CH2M HILL's first engineering, procurement and construction project in Poland. In total, 42,000 hours were worked achieving Target Zero.

Target Zero was accomplished because project manager Gordon Clark set high standards and engaged CH2M HILL staff and all subcontractors into the rigorous safety program. A local third-party safety consultant carried out comprehensive safety training in Polish and CH2M HILL staff continuously monitored subcontractors to ensure full compliance with the safety program.

3M Poland contracted with CH2M HILL to design and install 3,500 square meters of Class 6 and 7 clean-room space for manufacturing thin-film technology for flat panel televisions and computers. The quick turnaround project launched in June 2006, construction began in October, and it was completed in March of this year.

"This project supported a key account and demonstrated to the client that we can team with them wherever they are on a world-class, worldwide basis," Clark said. "It will help expand CH2M HILL's presence in Poland, as we now have successfully completed an EPC project there. We can use the experience, performance and client's satisfaction as part of our resume."

One of the biggest challenges on this project was a steep learning curve. Local Krakow staff worked on the project; however, they previously had experience in water and telecommunications only. Additionally, the subcontractors were unknown to CH2M HILL and were unfamiliar with clean-room construction. It is a great credit to the quality and adaptability of the CH2M HILL local staff that the project not only achieved a great safety record but was also completed on schedule and within budget.

CH2M HILL was responsible for the design, procurement and installation of all clean-room systems, as well as the mechanical and electrical plant.



From left is Tommy Mulligan, construction supervisor, Andrzej Mydło, construction coordinator, Izabela Herman, project assistant, Konrad Chwalba, electrical engineer, Edyta Stojak, financial controller, and Gordon Clark, project manager.