

How to integrate

Lean & Green

👉 12 Tips for the EH&S Professional

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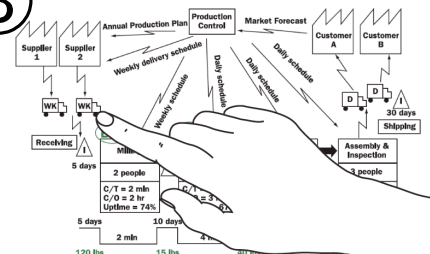
"WE TOOK A CLOSE LOOK AT COMPANIES THAT INTEGRATED GREEN WITH LEAN. HERE'S SOME OF WHAT WE FOUND.

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"THE COMPANIES MOST SUCCESSFUL AT INTEGRATING GREEN INTO LEAN GOT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN THE LEAN PROCESS FROM THE BEGINNING.

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"FOR EXAMPLE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE INVOLVED IN VALUE STREAM MAPPING. THAT'S THE TOOL THAT HELPS YOU TO SEE THE OPPORTUNITIES AND TO PRIORITIZE FUTURE ACTIONS."

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"COMPANIES TELL US THEIR LEAN PROJECTS ARE BETTER BECAUSE OF GREEN, AND THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS ARE ALSO BETTER BECAUSE OF LEAN. WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO INVOLVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS IN THE LEAN PROCESS? HERE ARE 12 TIPS FOR EH&S AND LEAN PROFESSIONALS ALIKE."

1. Participate in Lean events
2. Know the Lean event objectives
3. Be familiar with the process being improved
4. Be familiar with how Lean works
5. Attend other Lean report-outs
6. Have on hand relevant pollution prevention materials, tools, and technology options
7. Understand regulatory issues relevant to the process being improved
8. Keep an open mind
9. Work as part of a team--be collaborative
10. Be open to employees' issues and ideas for solutions
11. Be open to new nontraditional ideas for solving problems
12. Connect with operations managers