

# SUCCESSFUL EHSMIS IMPLEMENTATION

# Change Management - End User Acceptance

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#### An Introduction to Avery Dennison



- Manufacturer of self-adhesive base materials, office products, labels, tags, retail systems and specialty chemicals
- Founded in 1935
- \$4.8 billion sales (2003)
- 20,550+ Employees
- Operates in 39 countries; more than 200 manufacturing facilities and sales offices worldwide
- Active Product sales in 89 countries
- Fortune 500 ranking: 384







- Corporation moving from decentralized to centralized
- EHS structure & organization "cooperative distributed network"
  - Corporate staff of 5
  - Group staff of 11
  - Facility staff of 52
- Strong alignment with company culture and business strategies
- Strong reliance on MIS systems to manage EHS Program







- What has Avery learned from 10 years of doing EHSMIS work
  - Keys to success
  - Paths to failure
- What have others in the audience learned about doing EHSMIS work
- Questions and Discussion









## Avery first created databases in 1994/95

- 3 simple ones Just to get going
- 3 higher functionality ones Things we needed

#### Now we have 12 active databases

- All Avery's databases are custom built
- All on a Notes/Domino platform
- Databases are integrated







- Documents |
- Resources
- Deficiencies
   Management ("Audit") F
- Leaders<sup>W</sup>
   TSCA<sup>F</sup>

Health & Safety

• EHS Council<sup>W</sup>

- RAPD<sup>F</sup>
- EHS Liabilities
   Management<sup>F</sup>
- Document Management<sup>I</sup>

Incident Management<sup>F</sup>

Knowledge Sharing<sup>l</sup>

Acquisition Divestiture F

I = Information DatabaseF = Function Management DatabaseW = Workgroup Database







### **EHSMIS System Functionality Pyramid**

**Manage Functions** 

Work we were doing or needed to do



**Workgroup Communication** 

Share information between members of working groups

**Present Information** 

Policies, Process Guidelines, Best Practices etc. High Functionality

Need more development & training

More complex

More need for user buy in



Limited function

Quick to develop

Minimal training

Low need for user buy in







#### Financial Costs

Find a way to buy the system

#### Emotional Costs

- EHSMIS takes energy to develop and implement
- Costs highest during development and rollout than ongoing maintenance

#### Political Costs

– Do you have to trade favors?







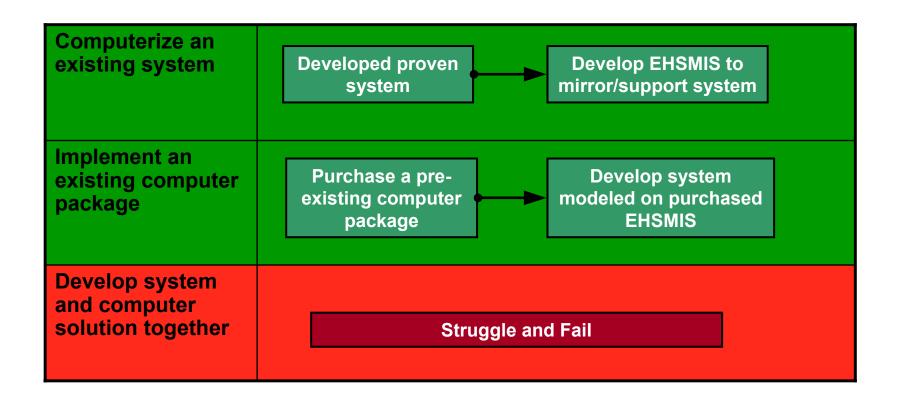
- What is the purpose of the system.
  - Be able to articulate why you are implementing EHSMIS system(s)
- What systems within your corporation can you piggy back on.
  - EHS is not an MIS trailblazing organization
- Is there a overarching hook
  - Sarbanes-Oxley
  - Product compliance
  - Management Systems (ex ISO)
  - Customer requirements







# What type system you are trying to implement?









# Know your customer/audience

- Give the customer things they need rather than things they should have.
- Generally you will have more than one type of user. Each one will need different things from the EHSMIS

#### Know the value of the EHSMIS

- To you
- To your organization
- To different types of end user
- To the corporation







- Get more value from the system than any single other user.
- Give the user at least one thing of monumental importance.
  - Find their pain and eradicate it.
- Make the user interface clear and easy
  - Users do not want to become technology experts.







- Make sure the corporate infrastructure can support the EHSMIS
  - Users won't use what they can't access
- Capitalize on other company wide efforts
- Find an IT buddy on the inside
  - Someone to help you work the system







- Do not try to justify the system on financial costs savings (do it only if you have to -- and only once)
  - Financial cost of EHSMIS systems tend to be high when compared to cost savings
  - Alternative justifications: Increased efficiency, easier more widespread access, improved records retention, more reliable institutional memory
- Do not make the user angry
  - Do not make more work for the user
  - Don't take away things the user already has and values
- Do not live on the "bleeding" edge
  - "Sliced up" users will abandon you.
- Do not overextend
  - Users will be frustrated if you can't deliver







- Stakeholders & Users are satisfied
  - EHS department, EHS company wide, General employee, management, Law department, Finance,
- EHSMIS is viewed as the place to gain knowledge.
- Peers want to use or copy your EHSMIS.
- Other functions outside of EHS want to use or copy your EHSMIS
- It is better than they ever thought it could be









# Most Important things you have done

Do this for "guaranteed" success "I'd tell my best buddy this."

# Most important things to NEVER do

"Guaranteed" to fail if...
"I'd never do that again"













