

SUCCESS STORY

INTERNATIONAL KNIFE & SAW CREATES NEW INVESTMENTS FOLLOWING SCMEP'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT

ABOUT INTERNATIONAL KNIFE & SAW. International Knife and Saw (IKS), located in Florence, South Carolina, is an American-owned, privately-held manufacturer of high quality industrial machine knives and accessories. IKS industrial machine knives are industrial consumable items that are marketed throughout the world via multiple sales channels. Businesses who are end users of the products will install the blades on equipment specifically designed for converting materials such as paper, tissue, towel, metal, plastic and rubber into a finished product or a component of a finished product.

THE CHALLENGE. IKS needed a review of the company's environmental compliance status. For help IKS contacted SCMEP, part of the MEP National Network™.

MEP CENTER'S ROLE. SCMEP was able to provide an environmental health and safety expert to perform a comprehensive environmental compliance audit. The scope of the project included a physical inspection of the facility, as well as a review of relevant documents for the purposes of determining EPA and SCDHEC compliance with applicable standards contained in the following: Hazardous Waste/RCRA, UST, SPCC, SWP3, and Clean Air Act.

The audit included a physical walk-through of the manufacturing facility, extending to portions of the exterior ground property, as necessary for evaluation of compliance. An opening conference was held with key managers to explain the purpose of the audit. A closing conference was held during the on-site inspection to review the observations, provide feedback for questions from the auditor, discuss findings and potential non-compliant issues, prioritize key items that warrant immediate attention, and explain the framework for the formal report.

RESULTS



\$8,000 in new investment



\$5,000 in cost savings

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