

PROJECT SUMMARY



Telgian/Tupperware Warehouse Upgrade

The Project

Telgian, Inc. is an international firm providing fire, life safety, and asset protection engineering and consulting services. They were hired by Tupperware Brands Corporation to upgrade their warehouse fire protection after a multi-million-dollar facility filled with millions of pounds of Tupperware was destroyed by fire in December 2007.

Working with the local and state Fire Marshals, as well as Tupperware's insurance underwriters, Telgian was asked to install fire sprinklers in eight levels of racking without interfering with production or warehousing. Each rack was 200 feet wide and 800 feet long, with nine levels of storage. The local Fire Marshal increased the scope of the project during his inspection at 50% completion, by requiring that all sheet metal installed in the racking be removed. This involved removing the sheet metal from areas where the sprinklers had been and were yet to be installed. The sheet metal completely covered one level of the racking which made it 400 feet by 800 feet in size, installed in 4' x 8' sheets.

Because of the need to complete the project as scheduled and without interference from Tupperware, the importance of cost control and the need for daily onsite management, Telgian and hired QPM to manage the project.

The QPM Solution

After meeting with Telgian, QPM drafted a solution that delivered the management needed within the budgetary constraints defined. QPM was able to assign a "local" senior level project manager immediately to support Telgian's project needs.

In the past, Telgian would have put a high-level manager on the project with weekly visits from Atlanta, GA. With travel, this project would have taken up all of this manager's time and other projects would have suffered as a result. QPM's project management solution allowed Telgian to assign a manager for monthly visits only, and the installing contractor would be managed by a QPM project manager onsite at Tupperware.

QPM used Telgian's internet-based project tracking system and updated the necessary tracking forms on a daily basis. QPM served as the main contact for all parties – including Tupperware's Safety, Maintenance, Distribution and Production departments, as well as Telgian's own management, Purchasing and Engineering teams in Atlanta, GA and Phoenix, AZ.

Results

By using QPM, Telgian saved approximately \$40,000 in travel and salary costs, after QPM's fees. QPM's solution allowed Telgian to support the project with monthly field visits only, while daily activity and management of the installing contractor was handled by QPM.

QPM ensured the project was completed safely within normal operating hours, without ever requiring the manufacturing plant and distribution facility to shut down or reduce operations.

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