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Positive Communication

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The influence of current events, especially events causing calamity or uncertainty, can make being optimistic a tall order indeed. But, what is the alternative? Fear, doom, worry? So what to do?

As the Philosopher Jacob Occam stated centuries ago, no matter how complex, take the simple route when evaluating choices we all face, every day. So, let's take the straight path, and concentrate on veracity, positivity, AND effective communication.

Truth is self-evident. Communication and Optimism in the face of adversity are tougher nuts to crack. Webster defines communication as a transmission and reception of a thought, idea, etc. This seems simple enough, yet often is quite complex, especially in high stress or even obscure situations. Pressure from others often changes the calculus, manifesting in miscommunication or leading to feckless decision-making, sometimes at incalculable cost.

Clear, effective communicating is always important. Since we are human, mistakes will be made, or people can misconstrue the essence of your message. Rather than assuming all is understood, ask your client, manager, or companion what they heard/read, and actively listen to ensure complete understanding of one's message.

Finally, be positive in all matters, great or small, especially in challenging times. Do your best, and trust in yourself. Effectively communicate what you truly believe is the best response in all instances. No one needs a yes man in critical times. They, and the exigent matter at hand, will benefit more from your integrity.

In conclusion, the efficacy of one's decisions and how one communicates are of paramount importance. Think about it: any decision one makes on any mundane day could positively or negatively impact history. So, you might as well make each decision with conviction and peace of mind. Remember: they can't kill you or eat you. Good luck and God bless.

Project Updates

News about selected UEI
Projects, Services and People.

Iquique, Chile

In May of 2010, Arnie Finley mobilized from Peru to the coastal city of Iquique, Chile, to assume the role of Construction Project Manager to assist the Caterpillar Diesel power plant installation team at the Collahuasi Copper Mine, situated in the Chilean Andes.

The project includes a combination of Caterpillar Model 12CM43 and 16CM43 engine generator sets, for a total rated output of 44MW. The power plant is located on the site of the copper mine at an elevation of over 12,000ft (approx 4,000m). The project is expected to be completed within 2010.

ICO Pipeline, Venezuela

UEI has provided support for Siemens and Kawasaki Gas Turbines – Americas, assisting in the equipment installation, training and O&M manuals for the turbine driven gas compressor units and the associated gas turbine generator power units at the Altagracia, Morón, and Los Morros sites along the ICO Pipeline.

Currently, UEI Production Engineer, Marcq Vargas is assisting the installation and commissioning of the Siemens compressor sets, providing oversight and management of installation changes and final startup of the various units. UEI completed operator training and O&M manuals for segments of the compressor stations in 2009.

Did You Know?

US Additional Capacity 2009 – 2016

Currently under development or construction, the following five states lead in planned capacity increases over this period:

- Texas: 44.1GW
- California: 33.9GW
- New York: 14GW
- South Dakota: 12.5GW
- Florida: 11.6GW

Ref: Combined Cycle Journal, 1Qtr 2010