

Why maintenance is critical to your bottom line

Profitability

Those that practise a planned maintenance regime are in control of their plant, if maintenance takes a back seat to other issues then the plant is out of control and in the hands of chance. Of course, maintenance incurs costs, but vary rarely as much as an unexpected failure. Unplanned shutdowns lead to loss of production, loss of income, and loss of goodwill from disappointed customers. In addition, reactive call out charges are generally more expensive than if you're covered by a maintenance contract. You might also face delays in getting contractors or replacement parts to site – costing even more disruption and money. Planned maintenance won't completely eradicate unforeseen events, but it helps identify where changes are occurring and allows breakdowns to be pre-empted.



Even ignoring breakdowns, uncalibrated instruments cost money. Over time the calibration will drift, and along with it the setpoint and the control of the process. The result is inaccurate measurements, poor control, and lost or wasted product or energy ... and money. Having a planned preventative maintenance regime means you're in control of your plant.

Health & Safety

Can maintenance really impact health & safety? The answer is 'Yes'. Most plants comprise a multitude of instrumentation and controls; some are very modern, such as SMART transmitters, but others are perhaps 10, 20, or even 30+ years old. Regardless of age, if your instrumentation and controls haven't been serviced or calibrated within the last year, you can't be sure your readings are accurate.

How comfortable would you be knowing that the aircraft you were sitting in, or a nuclear power station in your neighbourhood, had uncalibrated instrumentation? For many of the processes that your plant instrumentation monitors and controls there's enough locally stored energy to cause similar devastating damage.



Don't wait for chance to strike – talk to us. We'll discuss your situation and make recommendations, without any obligation.

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