Advanced Web Technology Labels & Packaging, Minneapolis



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Organization

AWT Labels & Packaging produces high quality labels and flexible packaging for some of the largest consumer goods manufacturers in the nation.

Intern Project

Reduce the amount of run waste generated on the four P-series presses, as well as investigate alternative cleaning chemicals with low VOC-content.

Incentives to Change

Current waste comprises 10% of their total stock used, thousands of tons of material are wasted, and eventually incinerated. Also, many currently used cleaning solvents have high VOC-contents, decreasing the air quality of the Twin Cities.



Solutions

Roll Change Standard Work:

Create the process of changing rolls.

Implement best practices into the roll change procedure. Offload non-essential tasks when press is down to when the press is online.

Substitute Alternative Cleaning Products:

Standardize the use cleaning solvents, and phase-out VOC-intensive products for EPA Green Circle certified solutions.

Manually Stop Press at Roll Change:

Monitor unwinding base stock and manually stop the press when only a few wraps are left, minimizing the amount of remaining stock.

