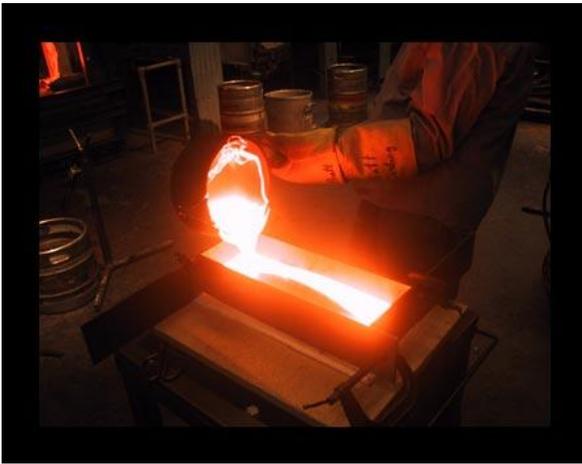


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Challenge:

Our client, Weinberg Glass, located in Pawtucket, RI, is an innovator and leader in the world of cast glass. Weinberg manufactures one-of-a-kind pressed and blown glass for collectors, as well as custom glass pieces for use by major corporations as corporate gifts and premiums. Many of the techniques and machineries used by glass artisans today were designed and invented by Steven Weinberg, Weinberg Glass principal and founder. Weinberg Glass is vulnerable to workplace-related injuries and health hazards, as art glass production requires employees to get close and work 'hands-on' with in production art pieces. Safety is the watchword at Weinberg, and compliance with federal and state OSHA requirements is a pervasive concern. EHS compliance, historically, had been managed in-house; however this was getting increasingly more difficult to manage as the business grew. Outsourcing EHS had become an important consideration.

As a high hazard industry, Weinberg Glass anticipated that an OSHA inspection was imminent. As a result, Weinberg Leadership opted to invite the State of RI Occupational Safety and Health Consultants in for a voluntary OSHA inspection, and engaged Pisano & Associates, LLC to liaise directly with the OSHA inspection team and address any issues or concerns surfaced. Moving forward, Pisano & Associates took on the turnkey management of Weinberg's EHS compliance programs.

Solution:

Weinberg Glass OSHA took a proactive approach to anticipated OSHA inspection and contacted Pisano & Associates, LLC and the RI State OSH Consulting Group to schedule date / time for walk through. Pisano & Associates participated in the following:

- Worked directly with the RI State OSHA inspector assigned to Weinberg.
- Participated in production facility walk through
- Created summary document of walk through and all findings – identified all noted violations and improvement recommendations

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- Worked with Weinberg's team to Implemented all recommendations bringing the following programs and items into full compliance:
 - Safety Policy & Goals
 - Hazardous Energy Control Program
 - PPE Program
 - Respiratory Protection Program- Fit-testing
 - Hazard Communication Program
 - Emergency Action Plan
 - Machinery Guarding
 - Electrical Safety
 - House Keeping
 - Eye Wash Stations and Safety Showers
 - Fire Extinguisher Inspection
- Responded to the Inspection report issues by RI State OSHA with a written response documenting remediation for each item.
- Proactive, collaborative approach with OSHA, RI State OSH Consultants, and Pisano & Associates, LLC, enabled Weinberg to avoid any fines related to surfaced violations.

Result:

- OSHA Regulatory compliance /due diligence at Weinberg Glass
- No fines imposed on Weinberg Glass
- Baseline established for EHS management program moving forward

About Pisano & Associates LLC:

Founded in 1998, Pisano & Associates LLC is an Environmental, Health, Safety & Ergonomics consulting and outsourcing company headquartered in Pawtucket, RI. Combining unparalleled experience, technical expertise and comprehensive capabilities, P&A collaborates with clients to help them rationalize their approach to EHS regulatory compliance.

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