



# Press Release

## M.C. Dean, Inc. to Provide Bilingual Arc Flash Study and Training to 15 Mission Foods Locations in U.S.

**SUWANEE, GA., June 4, 2009** — Mission Foods, headquartered in Irving, Tex., has selected [M.C. Dean, Inc.](#), (MCD) to implement a bilingual nationwide arc flash training program at Mission Foods' locations throughout the U.S. Mission Foods, a GRUMA S.A.B company, is one of the nation's largest tortilla manufacturers, and M.C. Dean, Inc. is one of the leading design/build firms in the U.S.

The first of 15 M.C. Dean Spanish-English arc flash safety presentations took place in mid-May at the Mission Foods' Pendergrass, Ga., plant led by Raphael Tomlin and Jose Luis Perez. The audience for the bilingual presentation included plant electricians, maintenance supervisors, the plant manager and other employees at the Georgia facility.

Mission Foods contracted M.C. Dean's [Arc Flash Loss Prevention \(AFLP\)](#) group through the efforts of Nathan Bartlett, Georgia Power Key Account Manager, and Scott Gentry, Project Manager of Georgia Power's Unregulated Business Enterprise.

"The scope of the project for Mission Foods was to deliver a full short circuit and arc flash study along with NFPA 70E and OSHA 29 training," said John Welch, Director of M.C. Dean's Critical Power Group and a national expert on arc flash prevention. "This effort when combined with IR offers huge cost benefit nationally when standardized."

"The challenge came when Mission Foods told us that they wanted the presentations given in both Spanish and English," said Welch. For most in this business, it might have been difficult to deliver in Spanish, but not for M.C. Dean with our multi-levels of internal resources," he said.

M.C. Dean called on one of our own technicians, Robert Ortiz, a native of the Dominican Republic, to deliver the entire eight-hour presentation. "A well-credentialed technician thoroughly versed in NFP70E, he expertly communicated the training and smoothly handled questions and answers," Welch said.

Overnight, Ortiz became part of the AFLP team which Welch directs at M.C. Dean. Other AFLP team members include Paul Schieber, who heads up the engineering studies utilizing SKM Power Tools™, and Critical Power Technicians Dustin Trinko and Gus Kleiner, who led the field work for on-time completion.

"Arc flash explosions cannot be taken lightly. Between five to ten arc flash blasts happen every day, and statistics show that about 1,000 deaths occur per year from electrical shock and arc flash injuries," said Welch.



“Knowing how to prevent these blasts is critical. Because Mission Foods is the type of company where safety is paramount, they selected our AFLP team to help them safeguard their facilities and people from an arc blast incident,” he said.

Georgia Power’s Gentry and Bartlett introduced Welch and M.C. Dean to Mission Foods. “Georgia Power asked M.C. Dean to work with Mission Foods because of their national presence and because our company’s has offices throughout the U.S. and in several other countries,” said Welch.

#### **About Mission Foods**

Mission Foods, headquartered in Irving (Dallas area), Texas and Gruma S.A.B., a Mexican corporation, was founded in 1949, and is one of the largest tortilla manufacturers in the United States. Gruma S.A.B. de C.V. is the parent company of Mission Foods (Gruma Corporation) and is a leading Mexican producer of corn masa flour and tortilla products. It has operations in Mexico, the United States, Central and South America, Europe and Asia. For more information, please visit [www.missionmenus.com](http://www.missionmenus.com).

#### **About M.C. Dean, Inc.**

M.C. Dean, Inc. ([www.mcdean.com](http://www.mcdean.com)) is one of the leading design/build firms in the U.S., with an exclusive focus on electrical and electronic systems. Service offerings encompass the entire lifecycle of large-scale, complex power distribution, instrumentation, electronic security, and voice and data systems as well as advanced networking and systems engineering services. M.C. Dean, Inc. employs nearly 3,000 employees worldwide and serves clients such as KIA Motors, Emory University, and the United States Veteran’s Health Administration.

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