

Safety is paramount in all aspects of daily operations in most, if not all, industries. We see signs posted reminding us of unsafe practices to avoid, good practices to emulate, and how to create better safety in the workplace by following certain practices or procedures. But what if we could design our facilities to promote better Operator safety, among other benefits, in those spaces just by working in them? Would that be useful?



Many of us start our meetings with a 'safety moment', and these are often great reminders for us. Smith LaRock Architecture offers the safety moment every time we attend these meetings: what we do for our clients IS the safety moment! SLA specializes in delivering design services that create environments of great utility and function, and helps promote better safety in the built environment. These control centers are important buildings that produce revenue for our clients and help protect our client's greatest assets- it's people. Based on how effectively they are operated, ROI can be enhanced; and better safety and lower absenteeism can be recognized. We help create better unit productivity, unity and collaboration, as well as improved HSSE. Jackpot!

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By designing, or redesigning, a control suite environment with the goal of enhancing productivity and safety within the control room, we actually see as a result improved situational awareness and vigilance from the Operators within the control center. In a Smith LaRock Control

Center designed to integrate architectural design with key human factors, Operators can affect their own alertness and remain more vigilant over the course of their shift and can therefore extend that enhanced state into better operational safety for the plant and field operators too. By providing the staff in the Control Center with the ability to remain more alert, both through the environment and the fatigue countermeasures we embed, even our Offices/Production Buildings, Labs or Maintenance Facilities, as well as Control Centers, all personnel will be more alert and more aware of their ongoing operations. Other benefits not discussed here, like reduced absenteeism, and better recruitment and employee retention potential make this design approach a win-win for all our clients.

SLA would like the opportunity to speak with you about your plant's facility needs. And while our wheelhouse knowledge-base is in control centers, we also deliver labs, offices, guard houses and maintenance/warehouse/emergency services buildings to our various customers. We would be happy to discuss these benefits and more with you before you start your next facility project; let us help you create a facility that helps maximize your return on investment!

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