

BEL-RAY



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HOME IMPROVEMENTS

As many of you have seen, Bel-Ray has been doing some much needed facility repairs and improvements recently.

One of the repairs was to replace a 1,000 square foot section of roof above the piece drum area. Typically this is not



really a big deal to do. However, this area is in the center-most section of our facility and in an area where the traffic is high, which presented a few difficulties.

Prior to starting the job, we met with Frank Kuka from Coffey Brothers Roofing to discuss our concerns.

We were able to put a plan together that would ensure that the area could be closed off and the piece drums could be covered to minimize any debris/dust from getting on the drums.

The existing roof presented a few challenges but throughout the process Coffey Brothers managed to remove the existing roof and install the new roof with minimal interruptions. They finished this job in two days and did a great job of cleaning up all of the debris and moving it offsite.

My thanks to Frank at Coffey Brothers for making this happen in a timely manner and for minimizing any delays

to our operations. Thanks to Bel-Ray and specifically Sean Simonian, for allowing us to take over his area for a few days.

Another project was to clean and paint five storage tanks in the tank farm area outside. As done in the past, we called upon Dave Scatturo from Alpine Painting to help us put a plan together.

Two of the tanks were 20,000 gallons which always presents a challenge because of the height. However, Alpine took all necessary safety precautions in order to get the job done.

First, the tanks were cleaned by power washing and spot grinding/sanding. Plastic sheets were put around the base of the tank to catch debris and prevent it from running into our catch basin. The grinders/sanders were also equipped with a Hepa vacuum to reduce the amount of dust generated.

Once the tanks were prepared, three coats of epoxy paint were applied; a primer, an intermediate, and then a final coat of paint. The life span of this epoxy paint is about 8-10 years. The painting of these tanks is necessary maintenance and also helps keep the Tank Farm looking nice.

Thank you to Dave at Alpine Painting for completing this project in a timely and professional manner, as well as Bel-Ray and specifically Warren Cobb for letting us be in the way for a few weeks.

