Facility Planning/Plant Layout/Interior Space Planning

Boy, I can almost see it on your faces and hear you now, "Finally, I can learn something I'll use in the real world. This is what I'm really going to college for." I'll bet you are all excited about dazzling your current/future boss with all the information you are going to learn about how to layout your plant in the most efficient way, plan all your facilities so everything flows sweetly and, not only that, but rearrange your whole office space into a more ergonomic, yet un-pretentious setup. I can't tell you how excited I would be to have a class like that, too. But, moving over into the express lane back to reality, we have to remember the purpose of this class: to learn about facilities management. Hopefully, you will pick up some of the nuts-and-bolts of these other topics in your manufacturing, industrial, or interior design classes.

We will side-step the discussions about Six Sigma, 5S, 4 calling birds, and all the various acronyms and algorithms, and discuss some aspects of planning on a much more basic level. We will have to keep in mind two things: can we do what they (production and top management) want, and what do we have to do to make it happen? I had planned on having you read some journal articles on this subject, but I thought they all pretty much said the same thing, and it was not what I really wanted to cover, so you're going to have to put up with me again. So, buck up little camper and read on, but don't worry, it won't be long.

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