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What is Maintenance?

I believe that the first step to fixing your maintenance is to understand what the core business of maintenance is, or should be. I believe it is this simple I would also say that maintenance is 'work undertaken that sustains or improves reliability in your plant'.

A simple test is to review all the work undertaken in your plant and see what percentage of the work fits this definition. In many cases the percentage of real maintenance work is very low and in some cases non-existent.

So maintenance is about sustaining reliability in a machine and ultimately all the machines in the process. I would then say that it is the job of maintenance to ensure 'equipment reliability'

So then what is not truly maintenance?

- Improving the operation of a machine
- Fitting and adjustment of change parts.
- The installation of new equipment.
- Responding to breakdowns.

You are probably asking yourself why it is so important to understand the difference.

This training covers the basics of maintenance, understanding their reason for existing and clarifies the important role that maintenance plays in plant reliability. The intended outcome of this training is to ensure that the focus of your maintenance staff is on tasks that add to the reliability of your plant.

