



Sanimax

Scope: Fire Restoration

Location: Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Designer: MSA Professional Services



On the morning of September 11, 2014, employees arrived at the Sanimax plant to find firefighters tending a major electrical fire that had begun near a light fixture in the building's ceiling. The first priority was the clean-up, which allowed for partial operation within this building, and temporary repairs to the roof structure prior to winter. Since the damaged building was also attached to another facility that housed the main intake areas for the grease and oil recycling, it was determined that repairs to the adjacent structure would be necessary as well.

It quickly became apparent that the entire building would need to be demolished, new foundations poured, and a new pre-engineered metal building erected. This would need to be done in phases since Sanimax needed to keep some of its operations going throughout the construction process.

New foundations and concrete slab installation commenced. Once the superstructure was back in place, new tanks were installed and temporary arrangements for the balance of the reconstruction were completed by mid-summer. The roof over-build and repairs were then undertaken on the adjacent intake building. The construction was completed to allow for full operation to resume in December 2015, just 15 months after the fire.

This project was recognized by the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Wisconsin as a 2016 Gold Project of Distinction.

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