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Environmental and safety issue solved with retractable softwall curtain

When a metal fabricator was facing with a potential environmental issue, they were unsure of how to address the situation. Their outdoor scrap bins collected rain water and when it drained oils, chemicals and small metal shavings would wash out of the bin into the parking lot. This left a lot of slippery waste in the parking lot where employees had to crossover. Making matter worse, the hazardous waste would eventually make way into the sewer system. They had previously attempted to install large strip curtains but the wind and heavy rain would just push past them.

Since no other location was available for the waste bins they had to try another solution to prevent rain water from entering the bin. Phil Strouth with Carolina Material Handling has a long-standing relationship with the customer. "Over the past 8 years, I have addressed many unique opportunities and applications for Engineered Controls", stated Phil. "My niche in the market place is to work with quality vendors to provide customized solutions for my customer's needs". Phil reached out to Sopers to discuss the possibility of creating a retractable enclosure around the scrap bin.

Working with Liz Martin at the Sopers' factory they were able to design an enclosure that would withstand the wind and rain and provide the retractability to allow the scrap bins to be picked up and replaced.

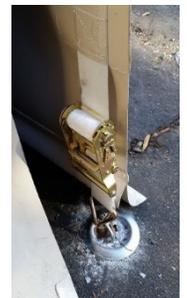


Before



After

The solution was a 29' long by 14' foot tall 28 ounce beige retractable softwall partition with seven ratchet assemblies to hold the curtain in place during heavy winds. The ratchet anchors to flush mount hook assemblies to prevent hook damage during movement of the scrap bins. The galvanized steel roller assembly allows the curtain easy horizontal movement for scrap bin pick up. "Jim with the end user says "the system is easy to use plus it looks great."



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