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## **May Meeting Announcement**

**Topic:** GATE Precast Plant Tour (1 PDH)

**Speakers:** **Kenny Vande Velde, Project Manager, GATE Precast**  
**Tom Newton, Plant Manager, GATE Precast**

GATE Precast Company is Gate Petroleum's oldest non-petroleum division. Acquired in 1980, GATE Precast-Jacksonville provides prestressed concrete products for bridges, parking garages, total precast dormitories, stadiums and building structures throughout Florida. It has an annual capacity of producing 50,000 cubic yards of prestressed concrete and over 2 million square feet of hollow core. GATE Precast-Jacksonville manufactures bridge girders, piling, double tees, columns, beams, wall panels both insulated and non-insulated with a variety of finishes and inlays, solid slabs and hollow core slabs on a 85-acre facility with a 144,000 square-foot enclosed production facility. In addition to truck delivery, the plant also features complete barge-loading capabilities to Gulf and Atlantic coast destinations.

**Date:** **May 16, 2024**

**Location:** **Gate Precast**  
402 Zoo Parkway (Next Door to the Zoo)  
Jacksonville, FL 32226

**Time:** **4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Check-In, Tour, Dinner.**

**Cost:** **\$15 donation to our scholarship fund. Dinner is sponsored by GATE Precast. Students attend for free.**

**Please RSVP by noon on May 14, 2024, so we can reserve your spot.**

**Contact:** **Bob Cords at 904-528-7745 or E-mail Bob at [Bob.Cords@terracon.com](mailto:Bob.Cords@terracon.com)**

### **Other News:**

- Save the date for our half day Ground Modification Seminar by Keller/Hayward Baker August 22, Annual Clay Shoot on October 17 and annual awards banquet on November 16.
- Start gathering project info to submit for the annual awards. Nominations are due Sept. 1 (a nomination form will be coming soon).

# VISITOR SAFETY GUIDE







We hope that you have an enjoyable and safe visit with us.

To help ensure your safety while in our facility, we ask that you comply with the safety requirements established by GATE Precast Company in order to visit the production facilities.

It is mandatory for any person interested in visiting a plant to obtain permission to do so, and to read and follow the information provided in this guide.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) REQUIREMENTS PER AREA VISITED

Please observe the following PPE requirements:

		Production Facility	Yard Tour (Outside)
Safety Hard Hat & Glasses (Provided)		✓	✓
Closed-Toe Shoes		✓	✓
Hearing Protection (Provided)		✓	
Shorts are Prohibited		✓	✓
Open-Toe Shoes Prohibited High Heels Not Recommended		✓	✓
No Tennis Shoes or Dress Shoes		✓	✓

Some areas may have deviating PPE requirements. Always listen to directions from your tour guide and observe the posted signs.

## EMERGENCIES, INCLUDING MEDICAL

- If you observe an emergency, please tell your tour guide.
- If you hear a plant alarm or siren, listen for directions from your tour guide. Look for posted maps with evacuation routes and shelter-in-place locations.
  - Follow your tour guide to the designated meeting location.
  - Wait in this area for further instructions or an ALL CLEAR signal.
- All GATE Precast facilities have trained First Responder personnel on site.

## SAFETY

Visitors must be appropriately dressed to tour GATE Precast facilities

- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes or work boots are mandatory to protect feet from heavy objects or equipment.
- Long pants are recommended to provide additional protection against potential hazards.
- Ties and scarves, as well as loose clothing, should be avoided, as they may get caught in machinery.
- Remove or minimize jewelry to reduce the risk of entanglement.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

PPE should be worn at all times when visiting GATE Precast production facilities. PPE will be available for guests who fail to provide their own. PPE requirements are as follows:

- Hearing protection is strongly advised, as production plants are louder than you may think.
- Safety glasses or goggles will be necessary to protect against debris in the air that may get in your eyes and potentially cause permanent damage
- Safety vests are required in designated areas.
- Hard hats are required in all areas to protect against potential falling objects.

## FACILITY TOURS

- Each visitor must follow the plant's sign-in procedure, which includes checking in at a designated location and receiving additional safety instructions.
- Designated plant personnel must escort visitors at all times.
- Touching concrete products, steel materials (strand, rebar, mesh), or equipment in the plant is prohibited.
- Smoking is not allowed in any production or administration building. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas.
- No food or beverages are allowed in production areas.
- Ensure that communication devices, such as mobile phones, are used responsibly and do not pose a safety risk.

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