

NEWS ALERT



Ninety-Nine Hundred Miles of Foam A Classic Minnesota Employer-Employee Story



Many VpCI® users are familiar with Cortec's VpCI®-130 Series foam emitters, that provide vapor-phase corrosion protection to metals in enclosed spaces small and large. Many, however, may not be familiar with the man behind the foam, who just passed his 36-year mark of working at Cortec® and is heading strong into his 37th year. His story is what Cortec® founder and CEO, Boris Miksic, called "a genuine American/Minnesota story," as he praised Dean Santos for "being Cortec's champion for 37 years! Never missed a day of work, never complained once. . . ."



Dean Santos, whom everyone knows as "Dino," is the thoughtful kind of guy who may well remember your birthday after you tell him once. He started working for Cortec® on July 25th, 1983, when Cortec® was still a young company of almost six years old. Little did he know that he would still be there 36 – going on 37 – years later as the longest standing employee next to Cortec's founder, Miksic.



Although Dino has helped with many different tasks around the production floor, his signature task has been running the machines that infuse Vapor phase Corrosion Inhibitors into VpCI®-130 Series foam. The foam is cut into various sizes or sold as large rolls for users to place inside small electrical boxes or entire mothballed equipment rooms to protect electricals, instrumentation, and other metals from corrosion. According to the most recent calculations, it is estimated that Dino has infused 50-60 million square feet (4.6-5.6 million m²) of foam with VpCI®. When laid end to end at one foot wide, this amounts to 9,900 miles (15,933 km) and would reach from Cortec® World Headquarters in Saint Paul, Minnesota, to the South Pole.

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Reflecting on his long tenure at Cortec®, Dino commented that “it’s just amazing that I’ve been here that long, and God willing, I’m going to keep going as long as I can” Provided he is physically able, he hopes to work at least eight more years and be the first employee (after Miksic) to pass the 40-year mark. If his sick time record is any indication, this looks very hopeful, as Dino does not recall having to take time off for illness for the last eight years (since 2011).

Dino’s advice for being a successful employee is to be dedicated to your work, be on time, and be there for your coworkers when they need your help. He said it’s been a pleasure working with fellow employees and working for Miksic all these years. They have come through some tough economic periods, such as the stock drop in 2008, but Dino’s faith in God keeps him optimistic: “I’m not too worried about the rough [times], because He gets us through everything. . . .”

