What is a 6S “Class A” Shop?

The NTMA envisions a “Class A” Shop to look like the following:

**Building Exterior:**
- Landscaped, well painted or surface in good condition

**Building Interior:**
- Floors, painted, tile or clean concrete
- Walkways clear, wide and marked
- Ceilings – clean, dropped or painted

**Environment:**
- Air cleaners, temperature controlled, well ventilated
- Lighting – Bright 40fc or better, task lighting where needed

**Work Areas:**
- Clean, neat, organized, part handling boxes, carts or trays
- Similar areas standardized, use of white boards when possible
- Areas marked and identified, chips picked up
- Tool storage identified

**Material and Hardware:**
- Stored neatly, marked or identified

**Lunch Room:**
- Separate room or area away from manufacturing

**Part cleaning, assembly and finishing areas:**
- Organized and scheduled cleaned

**Oil, coolant hazards:**
- Identified and stored safely

**Safety:**
- Machine guards used and in place
- Personal protective equipment used and enforced

**Quality Room:**
- Clean temperature controlled, okay to have quality in cells

**Equipment:**
- Modern, well maintained, scheduled cleaned
- Oil, chips and coolant spill control

**Housekeeping:**
- Scheduled trash and chip pick up and cleaning
- Cleaning tools in central areas

**Office Areas:**
- Paperwork neat and in place
- Floors cleaned
- Clean modern washrooms, cleaned on a schedule

**Employee Appearance:**
- Shop logo or other appropriate clean attire

**Shop age:**
- The older the shop, e.g., wooden shop partitions, cracked, stained, clean concrete floors, etc., the better the housekeeping has to be.

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