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RCB
- A. Initiate respirator training sessions in which 350 employees participated (memo to W. R. Kelly on 10/12/76).
 - B. Move to standardize procedures to be taken on those employees with low hemoglobin (letter of 10/12/76 to R. D. Putnam).
 - C. Begin receiving monthly computer print-out of employees to be sampled as part of the Lead Hygiene Program.
 - 1. Review list for accuracy
 - 2. Return list to Salt Lake with date of last sample (letter of 10/27/76 to R. D. Putnam).
 - D. Review medical aspects of respiratory protection with Drs. Nering, Moyer and Lambert (letter of 10/28/76 to M. O. Varner).
 - E. Begin use of full face piece respirator with breathing air (1/2 cylinder breathing air, demand regulator) on payload operator during blast furnace baghouse clean-out.
 - F. Hold meeting with Refrasil representative Marion Black and B & D sales representative Doug Schwartz.
 - 1. Business lunch
 - 2. Film presentation of Refrasil applications to plant personnel.
 - G. Check stack sampling specifications with Lindsey Green of Southwestern on new Antimony Plant stack.
 - H. Issue El Paso Plant asbestos program and:
 - 1. Attend various plant safety meetings to explain the provisions of the program.

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2. Review asbestos storage in main warehouse and in plant.

- I. Meet with Mickey Fisher of Wisco (MSA distributor) to obtain bid on air compressor for filling breathing air tanks.
- J. Write various letters regarding administration of the Lead Hygiene Program (letters of 10/13/76 to R. D. Putnam and letter of 10/14/76 to Dr. C. H. Hine).
- K. Write up schedule for purchase of equipment (letter of 10/19/76 to R. D. Putnam).
- L. Accompany Mickey Fisher of Wisco, Inc. on inspection of plant MSA respirator equipment for purpose of determining NIOSH/MESA approval. Units inspected were:
 - 1. MSA Sling Masks (no apparent approval)
 - 2. MSA Oxygen Work Masks (not approved)
 - 3. MSA Model 401 Air Mask (approved)
 - 4. MSA Gas Masks (type N) (no approval to date)
 - 5. MSA Pneclator Resuscitators (no approval schedule)
 - 6. MSA Air Fed Suits (no approval schedule)
- M. Visit RCA complex in Juarez, Mexico.
- N. Take CO readings at cadmium and D & L baghouses with MSA Universal Samples.

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