

Texas City, Texas

August 21, 1959

Plant Manager's Safety Inspection
of Department 31, August 14, 1959W. O. Fuller/
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TO

J. S. Putnam

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The inspection began with a group discussion in the control room in which people from operation, maintenance, instrument department and supervision participated. The response from the group was small but in general indicated that our current safety program has made an improvement in the attitudes and habits of individuals and that the plant could expect to reach the four million safe man hour mark.

Mr. Putnam congratulated the people associated with the department on winning the housekeeping plaque for the last half of 1958. The fact that this is the fourth time the plaque has been won by Department 31, indicates a continuing housekeeping effort by all individuals involved with department operation.

A tour of the area was made down the pipe alley around the north end of the compressor house, and through the compressor house. The condition of the area housekeeping was good.

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LOCATION: Texas City

DATE: August 18, 1959

TITLE: Plant Manager's Inspection of
Departments 17-18, August 14, 1959

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The inspection consisted of a brief tour of both departments plus a discussion in each of the control rooms in which operators, instrument men and production and maintenance supervisors participated. In the discussions, housekeeping and accidents were discussed, with particular emphasis on accidents and their general causes.

The level of housekeeping was higher in Department 17-18 than in Department 18F, and Department 17-18C personnel were somewhat proud while still recognizing the existence of room for improvement. Department 18F personnel have accepted the challenge for improvement and appear motivated to regain the position attained in the May plant housekeeping inspection when they received a higher rating than 17-18C.

In the discussion on accidents, it was pointed out that causes for most accidents are unsafe acts rather than unsafe conditions. This is true even though the percentage of accidents caused by unsafe acts has decreased the past months. The problem still appears to be the one of making every individual since the human tendency has been to write safety suggestions mostly concerned with unsafe conditions rather than unsafe acts and to correct unsafe conditions more readily than unsafe acts. There was particular emphasis in the discussion by members of the hourly personnel and supervisory force and cautious optimism was expressed about extending the non-lost time manhours to a new level. Cost of a back injury at a neighboring plant was cited as an example of accident costs by one of the hourly men.

Some of the items seen in the inspection include:

Department 17-18C

1. Wire on pipe rack ladder northeast of 17E3.
2. Cardboard and litter on ground by 17E3.

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Department 18P

1. Unracked hoses by P7's.
2. Messy work area by P33's.
3. Filter building needs painting; has damaged siding. Perhaps a new siding material should be considered.
4. Rags, litter, valve handles in south purification.
5. Valve handles need permanent storage place which does not interfere with drains, etc.

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