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The Procurement Department has advised of a work stoppage on another contractor's job due to spray-on application of a new type of glass-fibre supplied by Combustion Engineering.

The Asbestos Workers International Union has been very active in publicizing the health hazards (cancer) associated with asbestos and the other unions may possibly use this as an excuse to demand additional compensation in the future.

The Safety Department recommends that management consider placing insulator subcontractors on swing shift whenever possible.

A serious incident occurred on Job #6600 when two 56' rebar columns toppled because the 2 x 2 x 4' cone anchors were placed on 6 x 6 timbers which acted as skids. Two ironworkers were seriously injured as they rode the columns down.

A Bechtel Associates engineer was injured on Job #6513 when a vessel being acid cleaned by Allied Chemical operations personnel ruptured, causing the vessel to penetrate two block walls. The Bechtel engineer allegedly received acid burns, extent unknown.

The Safety Department notes that an increasing number of welders are working without head protection. It is folly to condone this unsafe act. If one of these individuals were seriously injured or killed, Bechtel could be held negligent.

The Safety Department requests Construction Management to comment to job supervision if they note this problem during site visits.

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