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TO ALL FLOORING DIVISION
EMPLOYEES FROM E. Fletcher SUBJECT PERSONNEL MONITORING

Our Safety Department advises us that some of you have questioned the purpose of all the testing that is being done at regular intervals in the vicinity of the Mix Platforms and Banburys. For your information, we are using a MSA Battery Operated Pump which you have seen so often. When clipped to your belt and turned on, we are able to collect air samplings in and around the breathing zone where you are working. These samplings are taken at such frequencies and patterns as to represent, with reasonable accuracy, the levels of exposure in these particular areas. These samples are sent to a laboratory to be tested, to insure you safe, healthy working areas. We are pleased to report that since this monitoring program started, test results have been good.

Some of you also questioned why it is necessary ~~to~~ wear respirators, if tests show that we are well within the safe range. The law states that even when environmental levels comply with the standard, we must still keep records of the type of respiratory protection in use during the samplings. Our sampling program will continue to assure all of us that the work place is kept safe.

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THE RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM IN EFFECT AT THE FLOORING AND PROTECTIVE PRODUCTS PLANTS, DOES MEET ALL OSHA REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO RESPIRATORY MAINTENANCE, CARE, CLEANING, ETC.. HOWEVER, THE NEW OSHA REVISION 6A.6.4, DATED JULY 21, 1977, STATES THAT "RESPIRATORS SHOULD NOT BE WORN WHEN CONDITIONS PREVENT A GOOD FACE SEAL (SUCH AS GROWTH OF A BEARD, LONG SIDE BURNS, ETC.)."

LATER THIS WEEK ALL EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED RESPIRATORS WILL BE CAREFULLY INSPECTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RESPIRATOR DOES PROVIDE A GOOD SEAL TO THE FACE.

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