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U. S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety & Health Administration
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AMENDED PROGRESS REPORT - Citation of Alleged OSHA Violations

Item 1. New personnel will be given physicals as soon as they have been employed two weeks.

Item 2. 29CFR 1910.134 (a) (1) with abatement dates of 3/31/72. No plans are under consideration for these items due to the fact that the Tyler Plant is to cease all operations early in March, possibly by March 1, 1972.

Item 2. 29CFR 1910.134 (a) (1) "Inadequate enclosures of feeder units"

All feeders in use have been closed in as of January 15 as indicated in Progress Report (page 2) dated January 17, 1972.

Item 3. "Housekeeping inadequate for dust control"
As indicated in Progress Report, dated January 17, 1972 (Page 2) Suction downspouts have been designed and contracted for installation by January 23, 1972 in the Batch & Feeding Departments and in the Forming Department.

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ER PROGRESS REPORT - CITATION OF ALLEGED OSHA VIOLATIONS

ITEM 1 - 29 CFR, 1910 134 (b) (10)

D NEW PERSONNEL WILL BE GIVEN A PHYSICAL WITHIN 30 DAYS OF HIRING.

NOTE: DUE TO THE RAPID TURNOVER OF NEW EMPLOYEES, THE COMPANY
IS NOT GIVING PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICALS UNTIL AN EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN
EMPLOYED FROM TWO TO FOUR WEEKS.

ITEM 2 - 29 CFR, 1910 134 (A) (1)

THREE OPEN AIR DISCHARGE VENTS ON AIR CYLINDERS OF LARGE SAW HAVE
BEEN PIPED INTO CEILING AREA. CORRECTED ON DAY AFTER INSPECTION,
DECEMBER 10, 1971. A FOURTH AIR DISCHARGE VENT FROM AN AIR CYLINDER
ON THE LARGE SAW HAS BEEN PIPED INTO THE ATTIC AREA, CORRECTED
DECEMBER 10, 1971.

ALL OPEN DOORS ON EAST SIDE OF PLANT BUILDING ARE KEPT CLOSED AND
SIGNS ARE ON ORDER TO BE POSTED IN THE AREAS AS SOON AS RECEIVED,
CORRECTED DECEMBER 10, 1971.

USE OF COMPRESSED AIR TO BLOW OFF CUT INSULATION PIPE SECTIONS
AT END OF CONVEYOR HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED AND THE PIPING HAS BEEN
DISCONNECTED. CORRECTED DECEMBER 10, 1971.

COMPRESSED AIR IS NO LONGER BEING USED TO BLOW OFF EQUIPMENT.
SUCTION TUBES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED OVERHEAD AND FLEXIBLE HOSES NOW
"VACUUM" THE EQUIPMENT. INSTALLED JANUARY 9, 1972.

SOLID BACK UP BLOCK FOR BLOCK SAW HAS BEEN REDESIGNED AND WILL BE
INSTALLED AS SOON AS IT IS COMPLETED. UNTIL THE NEW BACK UP BLOCK
IS RECEIVED FROM THE SHOP, THE EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE USED.

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ITEM 2 - 29 CFR 1910 134 (A) (1) - CONT.

ALL FEEDERS IN USE HAVE BEEN SEALED ON THE BACK SIDE. DATE COMPLETED JANUARY 15, 1972. OPEN INSPECTION PLATES ARE BEING KEPT CLOSED AND FEEDER OPERATORS HAVE BEEN SO INSTRUCTED. ALL MISCELLANEOUS OPENINGS ON SIDES ARE BEING SEALED. THIS WILL BE COMPLETED JANUARY 29, 1972.

A REGULAR SET SCHEDULE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AND WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR INSPECTION OF VENTILATION SYSTEM TO PREVENT PLUGGING. JANUARY 13, 1972.

ITEM 3 - 29 CFR 1910 141 (A) (3) (II)

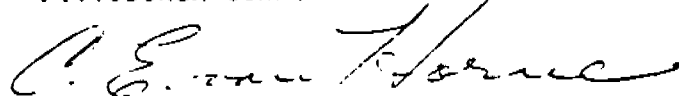
HOUSEKEEPING PRACTICES HAVE BEEN CHANGED.

- A. WORK AREAS ARE CLEARED IMMEDIATELY AFTER USE.
- B. FIBER AND DUST IS NOW "VACUUMED" UP INTO THE MAIN DUST COLLECTOR.
- C. THREE SUCTION DOWNSPOUTS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN THE FINISHING DEPARTMENT FOR USE WITH FLEXIBLE HOSES. JANUARY 9, 1972.

OTHER DOWNSPOUTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE BATCH AND PRODUCTION AREAS AS SOON AS THEY CAN BE INSTALLED - THUS NO COMPRESSED AIR WILL BE USED (IN-PLANT) TO CLEAN OFF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT. PROPOSED DATE OF COMPLETION JANUARY 25, 1972.

THE SUBJECT OF PROPERLY WORN RESPIRATORS IN THE PLANT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKMENS' COMMITTEE. THE UNION (OCAW) HAS ALSO BEEN ADVISED THAT EACH EMPLOYEE HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFORM TO AND OBEY PLANT SAFETY RULES AND REQUIREMENTS UNDER OSHA AND THAT FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION INCLUDING THE PENALTY OF SUSPENSION OR DISCHARGE. JANUARY 10, 1972.

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