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April 15, 1976

RE: SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

The Safety and Health Committee met on Thursday, April 8, 1976, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 21-B, Building 80. Those in attendance were Messrs. R. R. Sugg, Jr., E. J. Gaas, Finis Black, Thomas Williams, Ike Korenek, T. L. Stuller, L. G. Parsons, W. B. Howell, E. R. Goltra, M. D., E. B. Parker, E. C. Remaley, Ferro Pagliai (Vera Cruz, Mexico), and the writer.

The following items of old business were discussed:

1. Mr. L. G. Parsons explained how the cool hat with a vortex tube cools the head and shoulders. It was explained that this system has proven very effective for the spike pullers at Point Comfort Operations. Plans are to try the cool hat with vortex tube April 9, 1976 in one of the Line 7 cranes.

2. Mr. R. R. Sugg, Jr. reported on progress being made on the new lunch rooms in Buildings 32 and 56. It was also reported that the next new lunch room scheduled is in Line 5.

3. Rest room and shower facilities for ladies were discussed. Tentative plans for alterations to provide such facilities were discussed.

4. The Safety Audit of the Services Department is complete and J. L. Roddy will be auditing an area of the Potrooms in the next week.

The following items of new business were brought to the attention of the committee:

1. The hazardous nature of the asbestos mill board spacer strip used between pot shells and cradles was discussed. It was pointed out that new, unused material poses no problem since the asbestos fibers are bonded together to prevent them from becoming airborne. However, after prolonged service at high temperatures, the bonding material breaks down and the mill board becomes brittle and crumbly. For this reason, special precautions must be taken when removing potshells from their stalls.

   A substitute material has been located and asbestos mill board will be phased out. We will continue to look for substitutes for all special asbestos products used.

2. The general feeling toward the plant-wide Safety Rule Book is one of acceptance. The only exception to this is the feeling that the section marked "Rules of Good Conduct" should not be in the Safety Rule Book. It was pointed out, however, that it is quite difficult to separate "Rules of Good Conduct" and "Safety Rules".

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3. There appears to be a problem associated with the fiberglass gasket material used to seal siphon connecting joints. When the old material is removed, its brittle nature results in dust which irritates the skin of the person doing the work. Mr. H. N. Mueller will work with these people to help find a way of avoiding this exposure.

4. Mr. H. P. Dick noted that the automatic dampers in Furnaces 9, 10, 11 and 12 in the Ingot Plant cause problems during chlorine fluxing. These dampers automatically close when the burners are off. Since chlorine fluxing must be done with burners off, fumes from this operation escape into the building. Mr. Dick emphasized the need for manual damper controls to provide adequate ventilation during fluxing.

The committee also discussed the possible relocation of a telephone west of No. 9 Furnace. An employee using this phone could very easily step out in front of a passing Towmotor.

The next meeting of the Safety and Health Committee will be Thursday, May 6, 1976, Room 21-B, Building 80, at 3:00 p.m.

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