

El Paso, Texas  
November 4, 1976

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ACTIVITY REPORT - OCTOBER, 1976

- A. Initiate respirator training sessions in which 350 employees participated (memo to W. R. Kelly on 10/12/76).
- B. Move to standardize procedures to be taken on those employees with low hemoglobin (letter of 10/12/76 to R. D. Putnam).
- C. Begin receiving monthly computer print-out of employees to be sampled as part of the Lead Hygiene Program.
  - 1. Review list for accuracy
  - 2. Return list to Salt Lake with date of last sample (letter of 10/27/76 to R. D. Putnam).
- D. Review medical aspects of respiratory protection with Drs. Nering, Moyer and Lambert (letter of 10/28/76 to M. O. Varner).
- E. Begin use of full face piece respirator with breathing air (1/2 cylinder breathing air, demand regulator) on payload operator during blast furnace baghouse clean-out.
- F. Hold meeting with Refrasil representative Marion Black and B & D sales representative Doug Schwartz.
  - 1. Business lunch
  - 2. Film presentation of Refrasil applications to plant personnel.
- G. Check stack sampling specifications with Lindsey Green of Southwestern on new Antimony Plant stack.
- H. Issue El Paso Plant asbestos program and:
  - 1. Attend various plant safety meetings to explain the provisions of the program.

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2. Review asbestos storage in main warehouse and in plant.
- I. Meet with Mickey Fisher of Wisco (MSA distributor) to obtain bid on air compressor for filling breathing air tanks.
- J. Write various letters regarding administration of the Lead Hygiene Program (letters of 10/13/76 to R. D. Putnam and letter of 10/14/76 to Dr. C. H. Hine).
- K. Write up schedule for purchase of equipment (letter of 10/19/76 to R. D. Putnam).
- L. Accompany Mickey Fisher of Wisco, Inc. on inspection of plant MSA respirator equipment for purpose of determining NIOSH/MESA approval. Units inspected were:
  1. MSA Sling Masks (no apparent approval)
  2. MSA Oxygen Work Masks (not approved)
  3. MSA Model 401 Air Mask (approved)
  4. MSA Gas Masks (type N) (no approval to date)
  5. MSA Pneulator Resuscitators (no approval schedule)
  6. MSA Air Fed Suits (no approval schedule)
- M. Visit RCA complex in Juarez, Mexico.
- N. Take CO readings at cadmium and D & L baghouses with MSA Universal Samples.

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