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VISTA

Safety

There were three first aid cases reported during September. For FY1992, there were four OSHA recordable (2 MTO and 2 RWC) cases reported; the best fiscal year ever for the plant. At month end, the plant's employees had worked 4836 days (6,485,734 employee hours) since the last lost time injury.

FY1992 Key Statistical Information

	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
PVC Production, MM Lbs.	38.8	447.2
Reactor Stream Factor, %	93.9	87.3
Resin Quality, % Prime	96.0	97.1
VCM Efficiency, Lbs./Lb.	1.0471	1.0353
Flexible Compound Production, MM Lbs.	6.5	67.5
Flexible Compound Quality, % Prime	97.6	96.8
Rigid Compound Production, MM Lbs.	1.4	22.6
Rigid Compound Quality, % Prime	98.7	97.6
Plasticizer Production, MM Lbs.	1.7	18.0
Plasticizer Quality, % Prime	81.8	81.7
Energy Use, (EUI, %)	< 6.7>	< 12.1>
Fixed Cost Variance, \$M	< 13.3>	<418.1>
Variable Cost Efficiency Variance, \$M	0.8	<654.6>

Operations

Resin operations were normal during the month. A power failure caused by a city transformer problem caused thirteen hours of reactor downtime. The Vinyl Department was reorganized for a reduction in work force effective October 1.

Compound rates were good during the month, but orders were lower than the previous month. Production of two compounds was moved from Line III to Line V which will provide additional capacity.

The rigid compound unit shut down on September 21, 1992. De-commissioning is in progress.

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Costs

Both fixed and variable costs were near budget for the month. Fixed costs included a \$38.5M charge for the elimination of rigid compound line spare parts.

QMP

- Intex Plastics, a resin customer, visited the plant for a tour and to review quality testing procedures.
- Northwire, a flexible compound customer, visited the plant. They made a presentation of their operation and Vista's key role as a supplier. We agreed to work with them to improve our products so they can increase their production rates.
- The Senior Process Engineer's Team recommended a reduced reactor cleaning frequency based on heat transfer data.
- The Security Natural Team completed a procedures manual covering their job responsibilities.

OSHA Process Safety

- Policies were developed for Employee Participation, Process Safety Information Development, Process Hazards Analysis, Operating Procedures, Training, Pre-Startup Safety Review, Mechanical Integrity, and Management of Change.
- Management of Change procedures started in August and are proceeding smoothly.
- Drafting standards for P.I. & D. are under review. P.I. & D. development is set to start in January, 1993.

Environmental

- Data collection of the James Creek Modelling Project was completed. The modelling should be completed in October.

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Environmental - Continued

- The MDEQ requested that we submit a detailed work plan for investigation of the VCM contamination of shallow groundwater. The plan was sent to the State in mid-October.

Reduction in Work Force

Because of the shutdown of the rigid compound unit and the need to improve plant profitability, twenty-four jobs were eliminated; others were combined; a temporary pool was created to reduce contractor costs; two Operators were assigned to develop operating procedures as part of the OSHA Process Safety compliance effort; and through transfers two new positions were filled. These changes resulted in nine employees being laid off. These changes were effective October 1.



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