



January 5, 1965

To: R. A. Bleich

From: R. J. Kujawa

Subject: Report - December 1965

CONSTRUCTION: During the month the construction crew completed the installation of the sanitary water pump, the partition in the river bin and the installation of metal supports under the mill tailings belt near the boom.

Considerable preliminary work was done on the truck loading conveyor and on the exterior walls of the river bin. The truck loading conveyor will not be completed for some time as the work must be done during slack loading times.

It was possible to reduce the effective size of the construction crew by transfers and filling vacancies in other departments.

ENGINEERING: Tom Robertson is drafting the changes and repairs needed in the high grade ventilation circuit. We will complete this in early January.

During the month no new work was started as it was planned to start in early January on proposals and designs for increasing production during 1966 and 1967. As was outlined by O. F. Stewart, this will require an examination of the entire operation. A tentative outline will be submitted by January 10.

SAFETY: There were three lost-time accidents during the month to Donald Hutton, John Carson and Lyle Siefke. In addition, there were no-lost-time accidents involving Clarence Dally and Herbert Orr.

We have experienced several months with very low dust counts in the dry mill. If the next set of readings is low, I think we should follow your suggestion, sweep down the dry mill and have the State Board of Health (Mr. Wake) collect a set of samples at the same time that Bud Vinion collects samples. Both sets of samples should be counted before Mr. Wake leaves so that he can check our entire procedure. Also, this would tend to reduce any possible chance for evasion. Then, if he will write a report, I think we may be able to officially pin down our dust count. If the past is any indication, Mr. Wake will not want to do this without much prior discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS: The weather during the month was good. The mill feed bins required bin tenders for short periods only. However, at this time there seems to be some deterioration in the fair weather.

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The construction crew will probably be on snow removal for some time. The 22 inches of snow at the mine in fourteen hours has caused the usual problems. This will be reflected in trouble with the feed bins.

The Sortex Company attempted to separate vermiculite with their electronic color sorter. This was not successful so they tried their air separator. This does not arouse any enthusiasm here so the idea will be dropped.

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