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Date February 4, 1975

Originating Dept. Safety

Answering letter date

Copy to Messrs. F. L. Dedrickson /E. D. Norton
 J. F. Emerson

King City Management
 Safety Audit
 October 15-16, 1975

Gentlemen:

In making the long-range plan we have tentatively set aside October 15 and 16 for the King City Management Safety Audit. The team will be composed of Bill Thurber, myself and probably E. D. Norton, Safety Engineer from Uravan. This year's audit should not require extensive preparation but will include a review of the previous audit recommendations, discussion of the 1975 Safety Program and review of Divisional Standards in light of their application at the King City operation. Also the audit will involve inspection and as many personal contacts with hourly and supervisory people as possible by the various auditors.

We do feel it is desirable to have the audit book available from past audits in case questions are raised about documentation, etc. Each auditor should have a copy of the 1975 safety program for the basis of discussion. I anticipate the audit team will arrive the evening before and we will be able to conduct the audit to complete on the 16th. Hopefully this schedule will work out and if there are conflicts we may have to readjust. I will provide the auditors with a suggested question outline and guidelines for the audit well in advance of the audit date.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Piersall
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METALS DIVISION

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To (Name) Mr. E. A. Piersall
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Date October 20, 1975
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Copy to Messrs. R. E. Hayes - Bishop
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Answering letter date
Subject KING CITY MANAGEMENT SAFETY AUDIT
October 15-16, 1975

Summarized below are comments of the people I interviewed during our Management Safety Audit at King City:

1. Jim Stamford -RG-244 Circuit Operator

Stamford has been with the company about five years and felt that the RG-244 circuit was the best in the plant to work. He indicated that he received regular safety tips from his supervisor, that the new booklet of safety rules had been reviewed in detail at recent safety meetings and that there were no problems with the understanding and acceptance of these safety rules. He liked the safety award program even though he had never been a recipient of a trip to the Big Apple. He felt that, when his supervisor was advised of potential safety problems, these matters were handled expeditiously. Stamford indicated that the asbestos/health issue had been thoroughly reviewed and he had read the booklet on this subject which was distributed. His only comment on improving the safety program would be to increase the size of the Maintenance Staff. He said that the Maintenance Staff was no larger than it was five years ago although the operation has expanded significantly.

2. Harry Smith - Lab Technician

Smith is a technician with five years experience. Smith's major comment was that those involved in enforcement of safety regulations should take a harder line with chronic violators of the rules. He felt that certain employees tended to continuously break the rules without receiving adequate reprimand from their supervisors. Smith felt that overall the safety program was very good but that discussion at the safety meetings tended to be restrained. He felt that when safety meetings were previously held in the more informal environment of the Shifter's Office, a better dialogue was achieved. In his particular job, he was primarily concerned about the hazards associated with the storage of acid in the laboratory. He felt that accidents could occur if untrained people avail

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themselves of the acid supply. However, he indicated that the personal safety training which he received from Madlangbayan was excellent. He also felt that the Shifters were well prepared for their various safety meeting presentations.

3. Danny Daniels - Electrician, Maintenance Department

Daniels is an electrician in the Maintenance Department and has been with the operation since initial start-up. Daniels indicated that the safety rules set forth in the new booklet had been reviewed at the previous safety meeting and were generally understood and accepted. He felt that one of the current safety problems stems from the fact that we have many new employees who are not properly introduced to the present staff. This creates a situation where if you do not know someone, you tend to be less conscientious and concerned about how your actions might influence the new man's safety. Daniels also felt that it might be useful from time to time to have a joint safety meeting between maintenance and mill operators. Daniels said that in those situations where production and safety were at loggerheads, the edge went to safety in supervisory and management attitudes. Daniels felt that the safety awards program was good for morale and that it was a positive influence in encouraging employees not to work unsafely and thereby cause the award to be lost by their co-workers.

4. Ray Hoover - Maintenance Department

Hoover has been in the Maintenance Department since its inception and felt that the safety program was excellent compared to his previous industrial experience in a local cannery. He particularly commended Kronkhyte for a very positive safety program at King City. Hoover felt that the biggest safety hazard was slippery floors. He has, in fact, fallen a couple of times but felt that the various measures we have taken have helped the problem significantly. By way of a specific suggestion, Hoover asked if the oxy-acetylene welding which is done in the Maintenance Shop and within five feet of the acetylene tanks could be moved to the Welding Shop. This would provide more room in the maintenance area and permit welding to be carried out at a safe distance from the tanks. Hoover is responsible for the monthly inspection of fire extinguishers, slings, cables and the likes and appears to do a thorough job in checking out these items.

W. C. THURBER

WCT:jl

P.S. In our safety tour, I noticed that the boiler operating instructions had seriously deteriorated by weathering. I would suggest that new instructions be prepared encased in plastic and posted at the boiler.

K.C.

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M.D.

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To: WCT

cc: EAP

Bill

Per your request, I have re-examined our 8/31/83
Investigation of Near Serious Injury - Potential Electrical
Shock.

There were violations of electrical safety rules and written
reprimands have been issued to Daniels & Gallardo.

It is my opinion that subsequent actions by various
personnel may have been unwise or questionable,
but that no safety rules were violated. I have
written a "corrective" note to the shift foreman who
removed the tape, suggesting that this was an improper
act. I have written a letter to all line foremen
advising them to be more observant of unusual-looking
arrangements or set-ups and to question these types
of things. The incident has been or will be thoroughly
reviewed in ^{all} safety meetings, again stressing the
need to be observant and to raise questions.

I have reviewed the above with Ernie Piessall and he
is in agreement with my actions. He does not suggest any
additional action.

John L. Myers
10/27/83

cc: R. G. Beverly
J. L. Myers
W. C. Thurber ✓

INVENTORY OF CURRENT AND FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

King City, California (Facility)

1983 - 1984

H-2-18

<u>Item</u>	<u>Project (Responsibility)</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Priority</u>
1.	Mill Tailings Disposal (Myers)	Original monthly Haz. Waste Fee of \$1/month is \$6.40/Ton/Month, 2500 TPM (not \$ per month) cap. Mill tails are still not involved with Calif. Superfund Tax.	3
2.	Mine Wastes (Myers)	To date no fees or taxes paid on mine overburden or screen oversize. Long awaited "Special Waste Category" regulations are reported to be nearly completed.	3
3.	NPDES Permit Renewal (Marsten)	Draft proposal of permit consolidates cooling water, settling ponds, tailings disposal, and sewage. Many stipulations and conditions.	1
4.	0.5 Fiber/cc Dust Level Proposal (Myers/Kagetsu)	Task force job of specifying improvements, with estimated costs, is almost done. Current 2 fibers/cc limit may continue for years.	1
5.	RG-244 Circuit Dryer Dust Collector (Marsten/Coghill)	Years of efforts to reduce pressure drop across bags with no progress. Wet scrubber is being investigated.	2
6.	Sedimentation of San Benito River (Marsten)	Local WQB proposes settling basins downstream from mine, but not in stream bed. Also other anti-pollution features at mine.	1
7.	New Bag Packer (Marsten/Engineering)	Capital money approved; out on quotes.	1
8.	Eliminate "Spare" Ore Pile Near Old Feed Hopper (Marsten)	Requires 100% dependability on ore slurry feed system. Spare parts being purchased.	2
9.	Ore Trucks Use North Gate Only (Marsten)	To be put in effect start of 1984 hauling season.	2
10.	Washdown Launder and Sump (Marsten)	To contain washdown material along south side of mill building. Budgeted in 1984.	2

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10-24-83