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PLANT SAFETY INDEX

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At a meeting held with the General Operating Supervisors on November 6, the Plant Safety Index was discussed and evaluated. It was agreed that the present Index method has proved of little value for the following reasons.

The Index is divided into three categories—injuries, inspections, and incidents. The total index has proved to be a parallel of the injury data because the inspections and incidents data did not vary significantly. The injury data are already available to management and supervision through the monthly statistical report prepared by the safety department. The inspections were not selective enough to give variations significantly sensitive to show change, but this could be corrected. The incident data were not significant because of the limited number reported and the wide interpretation of what should be reported. Also an incident could go unreported simply because a supervisor could investigate and correct an incident yet not feel that it should be reported through the formal procedure.

It was the concensus that an index is needed and perhaps this one with revision could be made effective. However, thr group wanted to study this and other possible systems.

It is recommended that action on the Plant Safety Index be suspended until the group can make this study. It is hoped that a proposal can be made to the Board in the December meeting.

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