

GEORGIA-PACIFIC

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

DATE: January 24, 1972

TO: Mr. E. B. Hollingsworth

LOCATION: Portland

FROM: J. D. Rauch

LOCATION: Akron

SUBJECT: FEDERAL OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
AND HEALTH ACT

The steady flow of plant requirements by Portland and the O.S.H.A. requirements leave the plant confused as to what should be done and what should not be done. So far we have accomplished the following items on a general plant charge since they were not budget items.

1. Had all of the plant fire hose pressure tested. This test resulted in several ruptured lines that have been replaced with new hose.
2. Had all of the plant fire extinguishers pressure tested. None of the extinguishers failed, but several were found to be inoperative or of such style, due to age, that they had to be replaced.
3. New dust masks for employees working in asbestos or talc dust areas. Current masks in use were found inadequate for this condition. This required enough masks for all Joint System and Plaster P&S employees plus extras and refills.
4. Chest X-rays for the Joint System Mixer operator and the Plaster P&S operator. We may find that all employees working in these departments should have the same protection.
5. Various other requirements have been met such as hard hats, ear plugs, safety glasses, low pressure air controls for cleaning up, etc.

The following items are understood by the Akron Plant to be O.S.H.A. requirements. We have not started the following items and need to know how we can provide the required funds under our 1972 budget.

- ok 1. Hearing tests for each employee. This has been set up for March of this year. This testing program will cost about \$1,000.00 for test administration, plus about \$300.00 to provide an approved test area.
- Not 2. Roll bars for all rubber tired high lift machines. As we understand the regulation, R+S. we have two pieces of equipment that this rule covers. Our only quote on approved bars to date will require an expenditure of \$4000 for one and \$2000 for the other machine.
- ok 3. Provide a new exit door in west side of Joint System warehouse building. See item #1 of attached report.
- ok 4. Rework the freight elevator in the Plaster P&S building. See items #2 & #3 of attached report. We have arranged to get an elevator inspection and repair company to supply an estimate on this requirement. This could be an expensive repair item.
- ✓ 5. Item #4 of attached report will be repaired by plant labor this week. This is a result of recent rock pile removal work. This work uncovered 3 stair steps that had been covered by the old rock storage pile for a number of years.

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- ✓ 6. Item #5 is the same as above. Will be repaired by Plant Labor. Condition was unnoticed until inspection.
- ✓ 7. Item #6, same as 4 and 5 above.
8. Item #7 in attached report is also an O.S.H.A. covered item. According to our
Lighted information every door leading to the outside has to have a lighted exit sign
NVT of the required size. This inspection only indicated one such sign is required.
Rob. If we are to meet the O.S.H.A. regulation in full we will need about 25 of these
about \$15.00 each. With installation labor this could cost over \$500.00 in total.
- ✓ 9. Item #8 of the attached report is a no cost item. Requires only rearrangement of
finished products and raw materials in the Joint System and Wallboard warehouses.
This will result in a loss of some storage area.

As you can see, the total of all items listed above will result in a heavy expenditure that is not covered by our 1972 Standards. May we have your comments regarding this matter?

I have not sent Mr. Matt Fink a copy of the attached report. After you have looked it over, will you please forward it to him for his files. Thank you.


J. D. R.

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