

Monsanto

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J. Anastasia - Shop Steward
R. Pittelli - Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Occupational Hazards Section

This is the F. J. ~~Stokes~~ Stokes Division of Pennwalt. Here, they have developed a special therminol FR-I rotating dryer. Although no one was free to discuss the equipment or the application, I recognized it as the polyester fiber pellett dryer, similar to the ones in use at the PMG Plants in Lewistown and Front Royal. These particular units are being made for Cataylitic and will be used by Good Year on their existing FR Systems. There are 8 units involved, 1 gather some for Apple Grove and the other for Scotsboro. All four are polyester belting for automobile tires. By ref., each cone dryer is tested in the presence of the customer for about a day. Pennwalt has developed an electric package heat transfer unit, using Chromolax Heaters for this purpose. Yesterday, a failure developed in the rotating joint, spraying 550° F Therminol through out the plant area. There was no heat damage but considerable inhalation problems. The area was evacuated, three people went home sick complaining of nausea, heavy breathing, and a dry feeling in the throat and nostrils. They also reported out sick today. The union became concerned and insisted that the Board of Health be called in to renew and inspect the operation. The Board of Health met independently with Anastasia and inspected the premises in the morning. I had had an opportunity to speak to Pittelli over the phone, prior to his visit to the plant. This was useful, since I was able to pre-condition him somewhat to the nature of the fluids and to the type of industrial hazards they represented and to how situations of this type had been resolved ~~satisfactorily~~ satisfactorily in the past. Dan Sweeney was unaware of this morning visit and I was able to tip him off before Anastasia and Pittelli got there. With the

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rotating joint repaired and the area cleaned up, the odor level was very good. There was one very small leak at the top of the electric package unit but this was venting high to the roof and could not be noticed by anybody on the main floor.

Considerable discussion was held. More or less, Anastasia and Board of Health on one side and Monsanto and Sweeney on the other with Hughes moderating. Everything worked out quite well. Pittelli agreed that there was no industrial hazard present. I believe he had had an opportunity to talk to some of the sick employees and I understand that they will be back on the job tomorrow. Sweeney has promised to keep the system tight.

Pittelli has written a report describing the incident and citing the area as presently safe for personnel. A copy of this report is going to the State Board of Health. The State will be making its annual inspection of the Stokes Plant next week. Chances are they will have a copy of this report and will probably look into the Therminol operation. However, no one seems concerned about this. They all feel the issue has been resolved.

FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED:

Call Sweeney next week and learn if there were any problems with the State inspection.