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## Int Control

Notes were not said to be a problem here.

## Gun-Blasting

In passing through the yard on the first visit, it was noted that gun-blasting was being done in a very dangerous manner. Men were gun-blasting on the hulls of the ships. They were wearing canvas bags over their heads.

These bags are not by any means protecting the health of the workers and the action in the "Minimum Requirements ..." was pointed out in which the proper protective devices are

half mile to the nearest city water line. Water from the artesian well passes into the twenty thousand gallon capacity reservoir. This water is also used in fire fighting, after being pumped into a tank. The water has been analyzed at intervals and was said to be of good quality.

#### Water Distribution

Water is then lead and distributed in open buckets. Such a method is potentially dangerous and should be discontinued.

#### Cafeteria

There are no cafeterias located on the yard. In the future, the JMWG contemplates installing one in a section of one of the warehouses. The installation, however, will not be completed for some time. Most of the men in the yard go home for lunch.

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Mr. Canulotte agreed to provide these men with abrasive blasting helmets immediately. Other sections of the "Minimum Requirements ....." were discussed.

On a visit two months later, May 7th, it was found that the above condition had not been improved, nor had any progress been made on the sanitation problem. The Louisiana State Division of Industrial Hygiene was called in to make a survey to determine the extent of the silicosis danger.

A closer control over sand-blasting is essential to protect the health of not only the sand-blasters, but all others who work in the vicinity and breathe dusty air.