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MARRERO PIPE PLANT

I was disappointed in the results of the dust sampling for the Wet End of the Marrero Pipe Plant. Based upon our recurring problems with the inadequate dust system for this department, I certainly expected more evidence of the excessive dust we have experienced.

Of the ten (10) dust stations sampled on 5/22/64 covering the Wet End, only two (2) supported our contention and conviction that we have a serious dust problem.

Station TP-34, Scrap Grinder, showed 67.1 MPPCF, and Station TP-39, Behind #3 Forming Machine, showed 8.9 MPPCF. In reviewing the record, I noted that on 6/13/62, the Area Industrial Hygienist had for Station TP-2, #1 Pipe Machine Willow, showed a count of 9.7 MPPCF.

As you may know, for the past several years the Marrero Wet End Improvement Project including Scrap Handling, Negative Willow System, and Dust System has been deferred, and based upon our employee dust cases in this department, we have strongly recommended the expenditure of about $400,000 to correct these sub-standard working conditions.

I realize and accept that dust conditions do vary at these stations depending on our operations, but our local Plant Technician whose equipment and methods are different from the Area Hygienist, and therefore not acceptable as evidence for litigation, has over the past few years shown samples well above allowable limits on eight (8) out of ten (10) of these Wet End Stations.

For the record, it is my strong conviction based upon visible evidence, the number of employee dust cases currently working in this department, and our local Technician's dust counts conducted semi-annually since 1958, that we do have a very serious dust problem in the Wet End of Pipe.

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