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The dust count figures in this report show that considerable work must be done to reduce them to a maximum 5 m.pp.c.f., which has been agreed by the Division of Industrial Safety, but as Mr. Caplan stated in his report, the full value of our dust control program will not be realized until all of the proposed projects have been completed. In addition it is absolutely necessary that our standard operating procedures be followed at all locations in our Plant.

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