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MONTHLY EH&S REPORT FOR

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**0002 Monthly Report**

**Union Sisters and Brothers** we have faced a very challenging time over the past two years with Covid-19. Hopefully we are coming out of the this pandemic and we can all focus on reducing injuries.

We have had far too many members injured over the past few years and we need to look at what we are doing to prevent those injuries. Covid-19 has created a large distraction in our home and work life. I don't know of any member who wants to get injured at work.

I am asking you all to double your efforts and look at the work you are performing, and if items in your area are unsafe then JUST STOP. Put in a RIDII. If you think it is of a serious nature get a Union Safety Representative out there immediately.

Putting in a RIDII or calling out a Union Safety representative is your right under the law and the CBA. I have heard members say will I be discriminated by management for reporting a incident. No you won't and if you are that is a violation of the law and agreements with the Union and senior management. If you feel you may be discriminated against, then call me and I will address your issue with the supervisor or manager saying you have employees afraid of putting in a RIDII or a Safety complaint. You have a right under the law. Please report EH&S issues as soon as you see them.

The EH&S reports are sometimes multipage documents. To see the full report go to the Local Lodge 700 web page [iam700.org](http://iam700.org) and click on <http://iam700.org/environmental-health-safety> .You can look up past EH&S reports.

Sisters and Brothers, we need your support for the VEHS Teams. **Voluntary Environment Health and Safety (VEHS)** committees are joint salary and hourly teams that work together throughout Module Centers and Operations. Their goal is to help implement local programs that promote a safe and healthy workplace within P&W facilities in CT. We're looking for new members to participate on the following VEHS committees:

**Audits, Ergonomics,**

We would like involvement from all Module Centers, Business Units, and Departments - and we need YOU. Employee teams are essential to accomplishing all of our EH&S goals. Membership information is available for bargaining unit members by contacting Paul Dickes or your MC EH&S Professional in Middletown. There will be a brief interview and discussion about the VEHS team/s you wish to join and what your role and responsibilities are.



**WE NEED YOU!!!!!!  
TO BE ON A VEHS  
TEAM**

**To view the full Monthly EHS report, go to [iam700.org](http://iam700.org) click on [Safety Representative](#) then Monthly Report.**

Respectively submitted Chief Union Safety Representative Paul Dickes.

**In the past 3 months** the RIDII numbers have started to increase. In December we had 14 submitted, 22 submitted in January and 28 in February. We have had several different RIDII's submitted, slip trip falls for potholes and ice and snow in the parking lots and in the shop. Roof leaks in some of the buildings, coolant spilling from machine because of damaged pans in the machine to the steps to bldg. 410 breaking apart. Job well done sisters and brothers. Keep up the good work.

By you submitting a RIDII, you have reduced the RISK for you and your Union Sisters and Brothers from getting injured. On behalf of the Union Safety Representatives Thank You for your effort.

**Safety Complaints:** Update on the changing of shifts. The company has made an offer that is unacceptable at this time and doesn't address the safety issues that go along with the complaint. This issue is on hold.

**You have the right two times a year to request access to your medical records** and your employment records from Medical & Human Resources. If you wish to get a copy of these records you must do the request through Medical Department and/or Human Resources. You also have the right to any and all exposure records. This is different than your medical records and HR records.

(Per OSHA 1910.1020 and state statute chapter 563a personnel files sec.31-128. )

This is recommended to be done periodically and especially before you retire or leave the company. If you would like to know more contact a Union Safety Representative and we will be gladly help you through the process.

**Is your door hard to open or close?** We have had several incidents where machine operators are having a hard time opening the doors to their machines. This can lead to a very serious injury. If your door is hard to pull open or close, please put in a RIDII and we will have the door evaluated and reviewed by EH&S and MTS for potential repair or replacement.

**Blocked, Cluttered Aisles** are getting out of hand in CSMC and they are creating an EH&S hazard. Sisters and Brothers, aislesways need to be kept free and clear at all times and by putting parts, fixtures or some other type storage material in the aisle could endanger you or someone else. If you find something in the aisle please put in a RIDII, call a Union Safety Rep or tell your supervisor. Aisles are supposed to be kept free and clear at all times.

**Working under suspended loads needs to stop immediately.** Around the site I have seen numerous members and management working under a suspended load. This has to stop immediately. Why? We have had hoists fail or lifting devices fail or not hooked in properly. This is an urgent request to STOP working under a suspended load. Why do people do this? Because they don't feel this would happen to them, they were taught that way or don't care. There **more than 50,000** "struck by falling object" recordable injuries occur every year in the United States. There are nearly 116 injuries caused by falling objects every day or one injury caused by a dropped object every 10 minutes.

**REMEMBER- ACCIDENTS WITH SUSPENDED LOADS ARE OFTEN SERIOUS, MOST TIMES CAN BE FATAL.**