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PLANT MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By: J. Anand

Our new year is just around the corner. In the past several months we have had United Way and our Plant Picnic, both were very successful thanks to you.

Reports indicate that we have made progress in decreasing waste. Continue further team effort focusing on making this one of our goals to decrease even more each month.

We still need to work on absenteeism so that we will meet our customers' demands on time.

I'm looking forward to a great 1992 year.

My best wishes to you and your family for a Happy Thanksgiving.

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MONTHLY RESULTS FOR OCTOBER

	Pounds	
	Budget	Actual
Sales	3,910,000	3,652,363
Production (Woven/Twisted)	3,174,000	2,794,132
Treated *	3,802,000	3,780,522

\* (Includes fabric from Woodstock)  
October sales and production levels were higher but remain below budget.

WASTE REPORT - OCTOBER

	Actual % to Production	Objective % to Production (End of Yr.)
Twisting:		
Nylon	.538	.407
Polyester	.868	.506
Weaving:		
Nylon	.436	.405
Polyester	.358	.470
Treating:		
Nylon	.463	.373
Polyester	.138	.149

SAFETY NEWS

By: Bill Passmore

In the past we have had a great deal of emphasis on safety here at our plant. Based on National Safety Council studies the safest place you can be is at work, which brings me to my subject this month.

Home Safety: Recently I know of two eye injuries to Firestone employees that could have resulted in loss of vision in one or both eyes. These employees were not wearing safety glasses. Safety glasses should be used at home for your projects such as cutting grass, driving nails and especially using weed eaters. Think of the things you could no longer enjoy if you lost your vision.

Take your safety glasses home and use them. Your eyes are one of your greatest gifts.

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SKILLED SAFETY

As people gain more skill in their jobs, some of them take the attitude that their chances of having an accident are much smaller. "NOT NECESSARILY SO." Knowledge of a job, related equipment and hazard potential should make accidents less probable, but all too often familiarity breeds inattentiveness and carelessness. Wiser people use their increasing abilities and job knowledge to increase their safety skills as well. They're glad they haven't had an accident, and they work attentively to make sure they keep it that way for themselves and everyone else. If you're one of these people, you can feel proud. Yet you won't be found out they're boasting - just watching and ready to prevent an accident.

WORK SMART - WORK SAFE!

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Safety Slogan by DAVID WEBB,  
Industrial Engineering Department  
"Safety Is Common Sense - Use It"