

Sam Smith, Wilmington S & F Inspector, wrote as follows: Dear Brevardians,

One of the oil companies spends a lot of money advertising STP. I have advocated STP longer than they have and I don't worry about the trademark because my stuff is better, it's in a man instead of a can. I have been asked to report my findings and impressions of this visit with you. If this seems to be the strangest report you've ever read, read on, please.

Basically, Brevard is good people doing a good job. This is a beautiful Plant in comparison with all others, in or outside Du Pont. The Plant is clean and neat, partly because you work to keep it that way, partly because a considerable amount of money was spent to make it easier than most to keep clean, and your product depends on it.

If there is a single problem area, it seems to be in the way you do the job. In most areas, in rooms and on platforms, there's a box or equipment left out instead of put away, a cover left off instead of put back, and this is where the STP comes in. What has this to do with safety? Sure, some of these conditions can result in a fall, a shock or a trip, but I'm interested in the cause, not the condition.

I'm not advocating Safety Takes Precedence, and that may sound strange coming from a "safety man". Those who assign "safety" some numerical order are looking for slogans, not objectives. Neither does it mean Study, Think, Plan, although these are worthwhile objectives. Rather I mean Strive for Top Performance. When you do the task, do the whole task. Do your best, each time, every time. This is an objective for all of us, from apprentice to veteran, chemist, engineer or secretary.

When we strive for top performance, our best becomes better. No aircraft ever flew as far, or as fast, as Apollo 11, but we can build better aircraft, and we'll build bigger, better spacecraft. With everybody using STP, production, quality and safety are blended inseparably. So go ahead, and put a little STP in your job! You will get recognition and have a better Plant, too.

### SAM SMITH

P. S. Thanks for your help, I enjoyed working with you.

# **CONTAMINATION CONTROL** (Cont. from pg. 1)

We have a large investment in special clothing, special design features, and in clean air equipment to meet our rigid standards, however, the habits and actions of personnel working within the clean area can generate contamination problems. As you know, several rules have been established for clean areas concerning head covering, exposed hair, and how and where uniforms should be worn. Additional rules are being drafted by the committee for publication in the near future.

We must keep our guard up by maintaining high personal standards. If we do not, it can only result in poor quality and higher cost.

It is the goal of the committee and should be the goal of everyone on the Plant to see to it that we remain in and continue to improve on the excellent competitive position we now enjoy. We can do this by 1) maintaining our operating areas in a clean condition through continued application of good housekeeping habits and 2) adherence to special rules for preventing product contamination.

## DISABILITY WAGE

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Control of this plan is vested in three people . . . the doctor, your supervisor, and you. Your physician provides treatment to hasten your recovery. The Plant Dr. approves your return to work and eligibility for disability wages. Your supervisor reports your illness or injury to ERD and keeps tabs on your progress. You are responsible for keeping your supervisor informed and "working at the job of getting well" so you can return to your job as soon as possible.

# SAFETY

## **UNITED FUND DRIVE**



Official UF Campaign Photo

The Brevard Plant will conduct its annual United Fund campaign Oct. 6—Oct. 17. This is your opportunity to financially support your community service organizations serving the needy people of Transylvania and Henderson Counties.

Eric Shuler, Brevard Plant coordinator of this years United Fund campaign, has advised that the 1969-70 goal for the plant is \$11,000. Although this higher than any past United Fund goal, its takes into account the addition of over one hundred new employees in the past year.

Eric is now building up his organization of area captains and volunteer UF solicitors. They will attend a United Solicitors workshop late in September and a kickoff breakfast for them will start the plant campaign.

Meetings will be held on the plant for all employees to have the opportunity to hear community leaders discuss the operation of your local United Fund and of the agencies receiving financial support.

#### **DISABILITY WAGE PLAN COMMENT**

Harold Mason, Finishing Area Re-inspector, who just became eligible after his one year anniversary in August commented, "It eliminates a lot of worries about unpaid bills and gives you a feeling of security."

WHERE'S YOUR VACATION SAFETY PHOTO?