The Kingsport Pulp and Paper Mill is one of 110 facilities in the Domtar system in both North America and Canada.
Mill nurse Elsie Weed administered the first Hearing Tests.

Hearing Administrator Debbie Davis and EMT/Safety Specialist Dusty Parsons “examine” Safety Manager Tom Segelhorst

• It’s a Team Effort!
Salt available in Stores

If you need salt for ice prevention, it is located near the new recycling area. This area should be unlocked.

WITH ALL THE BAD WEATHER, PLEASE CONSIDER GETTING STORM SEWER COVERS FOR YOUR AREA

Promising research in Hearing Loss Intervention

Though it has long been believed that hearing loss which results from the death of hair cells in the inner ear could not be restored, a recent study at Oregon Health and Science University has successfully produced healthy hair cells in the cochlea of a deaf mouse. This breakthrough suggests that it may be possible to treat hearing loss which occurs from noise exposure. Noise exposure flattens the hair cells either suddenly or from prolonged exposure over time, leading to the belief that “once it’s gone, it’s gone.” However the OHSU study shows that a possible treatment may be on the horizon. The scientists were able to transfer a key gene, Ahhi1 into the developing inner ears of the mice. They then used a marker to see if the hair cells were generated. Although the research was able to produce the new hair cells, the deaf mice have not as yet been able to regain the hair cells by themselves. But the outlook is promising.

Janitorial Issues Hotline

A spreadsheet has been created to record Comments, Concerns, Issues for our outside Janitorial Service. To use, please record date, specific location with name & extension number, and your comments/concerns/issue. A name and phone number is preferred in case follow-up is required for further information before action is taken.

The daily log will be reviewed for further action, and documentation will be made by the Director contact contract as needed. Here is the hyperlink for the file:

[file://\TN\NGIMP10\Sharedfolders\Share\Janitorial\Contract Service\Comments Concerns Issues.xls]

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Carr at x2787.

New electronics for Christmas???

If you replaced electronics at Christmas and want to know what to do with the old stuff. Donate them to a school if working or recycle them if they are not.

Sullivan County residents: http://www.sullivancounty.org/SC%20PDF/RECYCLE.pdf

Convenience Stations @ 2921 Brookside Lane, Kingsport 804 Raytheon Road, Bristol (Hours 8-4 Monday - Friday) Hours: 6-4 Monday - Wednesday, Thursday 10-2 Closed Friday)Accepting: Appliances and Electronics (computers, monitors, keyboards, games and TVs

For other locations, contact the switchboard.

Clean Slate—where to now?

We have spent a good while celebrating our 306 days without a OSHA recordable here at the mill and to see the numbers continue to climb as the days go by. However, it is also nice to see our “clean slate” safety triangle (at left) perfect and unblemished and to strive to keep our slate clean. Do you have ideas how we can do that? The first regular meeting of the Central Safety Meeting is Jan. 28th. If you have ideas or just want to see how the Committee operates and functions as an agent of change to the culture at the Kingsport Mill please plan to attend the meeting at 12:30pm. We have our hand cut out for us this year as we realize that every incident has the potential to teach us something. That is why we need to focus on the near misses we have. To learn from these and avoid consequences.

Kingsport Mill wins Safe in Sound Hearing Award

The first “Safe in Sound” award will be presented at the National Hearing Conservation Award annual conference in February 2009. The award will recognize organizations that document measurable achievements in hearing loss prevention programs, obtain information on their real-world successes, and widely disseminate Information on how others can use these successful strategies to benchmark their own programs. The Kingsport Mill has won the award in the manufacturing category and will receive the award in the National conference in Atlanta. More information will be arriving soon, but thanks to the entire mill for showing that we take hearing safety seriously.

Seven vehicle incidents here—Safety pyramid widens

The Kingsport Mill had another near miss yesterday when a Diesel truck driver was making a delivery of Stellite Part 3040 to the recovery boiler and backed into the precipitator, damaging insulation. No product was spilled and no injuries were sustained. What can we learn from the 7 vehicle incidents here in the past couple of weeks? Is it the near non-stop rain, snow and gloom that have impaired concentration? Since most of the incidents occurred in wet weather we can’t really say the weather contributed—except mentally. It is much harder to concentrate in the gray and the gloom—a sharp focus seems harder to come by. But as the rain continues and snow melts on the horizon, we have to do everything possible to keep our mind on task and to see our jobs as clear and challenging.
Which of these guys has completed his annual hearing test?
PPE is a Last Resort

• Engineering Controls
  • Roll-over chip dump as opposed to much cheaper shaker system
  • Fiberline Control room is in quiet insulated room
  • Hydraulic pumps housed in enclosed areas
  • Silent blow technology on steam blows

Kim Cody, Central Safety Committee Chair
Vacuum pumps outside K1
Noise Control is a Priority

- Steam silencers on vent system
- Turbine generator designed with sound enclosure
- Air compressors; hydraulic units
- Vacuum pumps located outside
- All capital projects and management of change projects reviewed with noise impacts in mind.

Union President, Keith Kiker
What this Award means to our Family….

- Recognition for the efforts of every employee
- Accomplishment in an area of Safety often overlooked

Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen talks to Brenda McConnell at K1 paper machine as Mill Manager Charlie Floyd looks on.
Musicians Dale Jett, Oscar Harris and Joe Godsey perform at Open House.

Engineer Bill MacPherson works on Habitat House.
These smiling faces are smart girls and boys. They know to protect their ears from excess noise!
The Kingsport Mill considers itself a family.