

I have been reading the Blog postings and am amazed with some of them.
I am a 25 year employee at Natrium, WV.

Many comments have been made in reference to how well the salary ran our plant for 5 1/2 months. DO NOT BELIEVE IT!!!

If the local community knew the condition of the plant while we were out, they would have ran for the hills. Of course PPG will not tell how well things were. The truth is too damaging for their cause.

The one department that was to shut down prior to our strike (CS2 department) was shut down, and what I can see forgotten about while the strike went on (100 watt light bulb will set off CS2 vapors). Presently we are trying to load all the CS2 to deplete the current storage. We have daily found different problems making this hard to do. One past CS2 supervisor (really an engineer) doesn't want anything to do with the decision making process during this time, but the higher ups are dropping it in his lap. He is one of the smarter ones that know one wrong decision - the North end of PPG will be leveled!

We have heard many problems they had while on strike from a few salary that will talk about it. A lot of patchwork was done during the strike. Many first aid recordables that I am sure will never be known. One female salary worker broke her ankle while in the plant. PPG sent her to a local hospital, cast her and brought her back into the plant to work the phones until she healed. Very thoughtful people.

When we came back to work I couldn't believe the attitude we faced. I went through the 1986 strike and it was not as bad then.

The stupid non-productive games that are being played are unreal.

We heard they have sent 17 to your plant from here and are trying to get three more. One that was sent was responsible for the recent 1 million dollar settlement that a female hourly worker received for sexual harassment. That is a interesting story in itself. I was amazed they didn't let him go. Maybe PPG figures Lake Charles is a good hiding place for him.

AMT rail crew is another story. We heard rumors that they were going to Lake Charles to work the in plant switching. AMT is one of many alias this company uses. They are currently allowed to carry cell phones within our plant. Sometimes they even carry them inside restricted areas. One fellow employee called the guards right after we came back in to report them and the guards stated they were allowed and would not check it out. Great homeland security.

Historically here whatever the hourly gets at contract the salary will get soon to follow. I have to believe this will happen here down the road.

I have been passing your web site address around to a lot of fellow workers here and I know a lot of them are keeping up with your progress. I commend what you are doing with your website and media.

I was amazed that you also got the two-tiered package that we got due to all the job market in your area (I really seen this while watching the Katrina affects while on strike).

I hope you will get a lot of support from Natrium.

I hope PPG will want to talk to your people sooner than they did with us.

God bless, good luck and stay strong.

