



Solidarity Council@BASF

Locals: 74, 170, 174, 233, 237, 238, 333, 406, 429, 562, 620, 714, 8565, 9335



Photo (Left): While in Pittsburgh, Council members were able to tour the BASF plant in Monaca, PA.

Council Expresses Concern Over Possible Asbestos Exposures

It has been revealed that asbestos is likely present in at least two of our BASF workplaces. Asbestos has been used in a variety of products and building materials, including insulation and pipe insulation, floor tiles, roofing, shingles, caulking, brake lines, clutches and other products. The health hazards associated with asbestos are well known, and its use is now highly regulated. It is the employers' responsibility to ensure a safe workplace and monitor and address asbestos if it is found at their facility. If you are concerned about the possible presence of asbestos in your workplace, talk to your local union officers.

Local Leaders Meet in Pittsburgh to Plan for Council's Future

Local union leaders recently gathered in Pittsburgh for the Council's annual meeting.

"Knowledge is power," said USW Vice President Carol Landry, who attended the meeting. "The connections we make through this Council give us more power to handle everything from bargaining to safety issues and everyday grievances."

Representatives gave reports from each of their local unions, then discussed contracts, health and safety issues, and organizing to grow the Council.

Discussions also included the importance of involving more recently hired workers and adding new voices to the mix. Local union members should look for upcoming information on getting involved and connecting on social media.

Note from Director Dan Flippo, Council Chair

Director Flippo sent thanks to everyone who participated in the meeting, and reminded us that the Council is about more than just bargaining:

"The work of the BASF Council is especially important during the time between contracts. These are the times when we can build our strength and solidarity for the fights we'll need to win in the future. This Council understands that and has grown stronger and more connected over the years. Continuing on this path is our best bet for success."