
Subject: Cargill High River Plant

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 1:51:15 PM Mountain Daylight Time

From: Michael Hughes

To: Tanya Teeter

CC:

Hello Tanya,

I am forwarding the below message to you on Tom's behalf.

Regards,

Michael

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Dear Tanya,

As you know, we are in special Labour Relations Board proceedings today. As a matter of clarity and at this critical time, it is important that UFCW Local 401 again say to you that we are indeed willing to work with Cargill to make the High River facility safe. At this moment, we are encouraged by some of the dialogue that is finally taking place there.

We have polled union members over the last two days and have heard from 620 of them. Eighty per cent believe that the plant should not open. Eighty-five per cent are afraid to return to work.

In light of these circumstances, we request that you continue to "idle" the plant and not reopen tomorrow. We request that you work with us through the process facilitated by the Alberta Labour Relations Board with the goal and purpose of ensuring workers' health and safety and instilling confidence among union members and Albertans that the plant is safe *before* you commence operations.

Sincerely,

Thomas Hesse,
President, UFCW Local 401