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The following is a summary of findings from the May 2023 monthly vibration survey at the USG Greenville, MS Plant. Please let us know if there are any questions or comments.

**QualiTest®** uses a four-step rating system for defects.

**Class I:** Defect is present, but effect on reliability is not clear; no immediate action is required. Continue to normally monitor.

**Class II:** Defect (s) present that may cause problem in long term (2-6 months). Repair during normal maintenance scheduling. Continue to monitor.

**Class III:** Defect (s) present that may cause failure in short term (less than 2 months). This should be addressed as soon as practical, with a high maintenance priority. Increase monitoring frequency.

**Class IV:** Defect (s) present that makes continued reliability unpredictable, and possibility of secondary damage is high. Repairs should be made ASAP. An unscheduled shutdown should be considered for repairs

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# Defects

## Perlite

### #6 Combustion Blower

Fan inboard bearing has some 1, 2, and 3 x rpm vibration. Fan shaft does have some run-out at the DE and is likely the cause of this vibration. It is recommended to install a TGP shaft because this fan operates at 2200 rpm and must have a precision machined shaft with run out at .0005" or less. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

### #7 Combustion Blower

Vibration data suggests fan bearing looseness especially in the outboard fan bearing. Shaft may also have run out/wear. Shaft and bearings will likely need replacing soon. It is recommended to install a TGP shaft because this fan operates at 2200 rpm and must have a precision machined shaft with run-out at .0005" or less. Rated as a **CLASS III** defect.

### #5 Expander Dust Collector

High 1 x rpm vibration remains dominant and indicates imbalance of the fan wheel. Fan wheel needs to be inspected as scheduling allows. **A field balance is likely necessary.** Rated as a **CLASS III** defect.

### #6 Expander Dust Collector

**Motor was not running but the following still applies:** Fan axial vibration has increased significantly since the last survey in December. 1-4 x rpm vibration that can be seen in spectral data is likely due to a combination of imbalance, deteriorated grout around the fan base, and internal bearing looseness. Inspect and clean fan wheel. Inspect fan bearings for looseness by performing a lift check of the fan shaft. Should not have more than .004" lift max. Base needs to be re-grouted in the near future. Rated as a **CLASS III** defect.

### #7 Expander Dust Collector

Motor has increased vibration that appears to be near motor rpm. This may be sheave/belt related. **Fan also has elevated 1 x rpm vibration and likely needs to be cleaned.** Check sheaves and belts for wear and misalignment and check all base fasteners. Check angularity and offset alignment. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

### #8 Expander Dust Collector

Fan data shows increased 1 x rpm vibration and may be due to build up on fan wheel. Vibration data is also showing signs of possible lubrication issue in DE fan bearing. Bearing may also have early stage bearing defects. Inspect and clean fan wheel as soon as practical and inspect fan bearing ensuring bearings have clean and adequate amount of grease. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

### Hydrapulper

Drive motor data shows some signs of bearing defect(s) in the motor and possible rotor issue. Gearbox also shows some signs of internal wear. Motor bearing issues appear to be getting worse and will be monitored closely. It is recommended to prepare for motor replacement in the very near future. Monitoring both closely. Rated as a **CLASS III** defect.

## ***Mix-up/Reclaim***

### **Ultra-Sorter Screen**

Screen bearings are showing signs of wear. Screen bearings may need to be replaced in the near future. We will continue to monitor this issue closely. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

### **Dump Chest Agitator**

Motor vibration has decreased again this survey. Much better this time, but data still shows some type of looseness or coupling hub wear. Ensure motor is aligned properly. Motor may have bearing fit looseness/wear. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

### **#1 White Water Loop Pump**

***Motor was not running but the following still applies:*** Motor has high 1 x motor rpm vibration with some low level bearing defect frequencies present in motor spectra while pump data shows large low frequency noise floor. Check motor base for looseness, ensure sheaves and belts are set and aligned properly, and perform lift check of pump shaft. Also ensure motor bearings are greased properly. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

### **#2 White Water Loop Pump**

Motor data still shows some elevated 1 x motor rpm vibration.. This may be due to motor base looseness, misalignment, sheave wear. Inspect unit for these issues as time allows. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

## ***Fiberglass***

### **#1 Oven Circ. Fan**

Motor and fan inboard side has high vibration at fan speed. This may be due to some type of sheave issue. Inspect sheaves and belts soon. Ensure sheaves do not have face run-out and offset and angularity alignment is good. Ensure belts are tensioned properly. Rated as **CLASS II** defect.

### **#2 Oven Circ Fan**

Data shows some 1, 2, and 3 x rpm vibrations present in fan. The motor also has high vibration at 1 x fan rpm. Fan shaft may be bent and or worn. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

## ***Board Line 3***

### **Board Line Main Drive**

Gearbox and motor have dominant vibration that appears to be input gear mesh frequency. This may be due to heavy tooth load and or gear wear. Ensure gearbox is not heavily loaded. Oil analysis is also showing signs of gear issues. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

### **Machine Chest Pump 3B**

***Motor was not running but the following may still apply:*** Motor is still showing signs of bearing defects in the motor bearings. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

### **Former White-Water Pit Pump #2**

Motor data continues to show non-synchronous peaks in spectra with elevated 1k-20khz amplitude. Bearings are also very noisy. Motor should be replaced soon. Rated as a **CLASS III** defect.

### **Vacuum Pump MOTORS (1,2, and 3)**

We are seeing some mid to high frequency noise floor in the motor spectra on all three motors with Vac Pump Motor #1 being the highest amplitude of vibration. We suspect the bearings may be starting to develop electrical fluting of the races. This is a common issue with AC motors being operated by VFD's that do not having grounding protection. We highly recommend letting us install an Aegis Grounding ring inside the motor at the drive end and installing an insulated bearing on the outboard end of the motor. There is also signs of lubrication issue in #1 MOTOR. Ensure motors have adequate amounts of grease. Rated as **CLASS I** defect. **NOTE that #1 Vacuum Motor is a CLASS II defect.**

### **#3 Vacuum Pump**

DE pump bearing spectral data is indicating bearing defects are present in the DE pump bearing. This issue appears to be getting worse with each survey. We will monitor this closely. Rated as a **CLASS III** defect.

### **Wet End Combustion Blower**

Blower bearings are continuing to trend upward on defect frequency vibration. Acceleration has had a steady increase in amplitude. These are signs of bearing defects/wear. **Bearings should be scheduled for replacement as soon as scheduling allows.** Rated as a **CLASS II** defect for now.

## ***Finishing***

### **Kiln Lube Oil Pump**

The pump is showing signs of wear. Impacting can be seen in the vibration data along with pump vane harmonics. We will monitor this closely. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

### **Blue Oven 1 Zone 1 Circulation Fan 1**

Fan end fan bearing (outboard) data is showing signs of defects/wear. Motor and fan also have some 1 x rpm vibrations. Fan bearings will need attention soon. Also, ensure sheaves are aligned properly and belts are in good shape and properly tightened. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

### **Blue Oven 1 Zone 2 Circulation Fan 1 and 2**

Motor and fan vibrations remain high. Vibration is at fan speed in the motor and fan. This may be due to build-up on the fan. Inspect fan wheel for build- up and damage ASAP. Inspect sheaves and belts as well. Rated as a **CLASS III** defect.

### **#1 Finishing Baghouse Dust Collector**

The recently replaced motor has some vertical vibration. This may be due to a sheave or belt issue. This could also be a spring issue. Ensure sheaves have minimal offset and angular misalignment. Ensure belts do not have defects. Check springs to ensure they are set properly. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

### **#3 Finishing Baghouse Dust Collector**

Motor data is starting to show some peaks in spectra that are non-synchronous and appear to be bearing defect frequencies. Data of the motor and fan also indicate some possible drivetrain issues such as sheave misalignment and or belt issues. Inspect motor bearings, sheaves and belts soon. Ensure sheaves do not have face run-out and are aligned to spec. Check springs to ensure they are set properly. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

### **Hi-Pressure Water Pump**

Motor data is starting to show signs of bearing defects and/or lube issue. Ensure motor bearings are getting adequate amount of grease. This will be monitored closely. Rated as a **CLASS II** defect.

As always, it has been a pleasure to serve USG Greenville, MS. If there are any comments or questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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