

New Domtar **UNITED** Union Council



The Domtar Union Council – made up of USW Locals from around the country -- met March 16, 17 and 18 in Ashdown, Arkansas at the Local Union Hall. Locals 1327 and 1329 hosted the meeting.

The Locals shared information from each of their locations and discussed and developed strategy on the implementation of the master agreement with Domtar including local contract bargaining and ways to further the process in the future for the benefit of all.

Safety and improving existing safety programs through programs identifying and eliminating hazards was discussed extensively during the course of the meeting with informative presentations from USW International Union staff.

The Council took a plant tour of the Ashdown mill

The Ashdown Locals shared information about the joint pilot health care program the mill including the health care clinic there that will open very soon.

The meeting finished with an action plan discussion, including looking for innovative ways to support one another in local bargaining, promote further dialogue with the Company at each location and within the leadership of both organizations, and support each other in local union bargaining.

Upcoming expirations within Domtar include:

8.31.2010 – Hawesville -- expiration under master agreement
1.27.2011 -- Kingsport -- expiration under master agreement
8.31.2011 -- Woodland -- first non-master expiration
OCTOBER 2011 – Master Agreement REOPENS
11.1.2011 Ashdown – Production and Maintenance – – non-master expiration
1.1.2012 Ashdown – Clerical – non-master expiration
APRIL 4, 2012 -- Master Agreement EXPIRES
6.1.2012 – Rothschild – non master expiration
8.1.2012 – Plymouth – non master expiration



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