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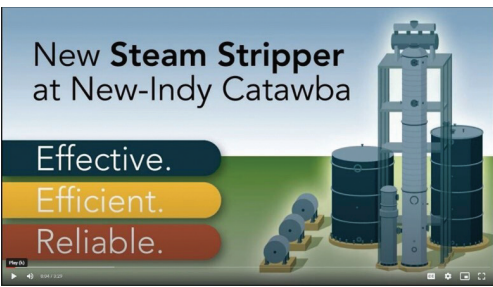


This edition of the New-Indy Catawba newsletter contains an informative entry on the new steam stripper, an employee spotlight, and a community donation recap.



NEW-INDY ONLINE

New-Indy Unveils Animation About Its New Steam Stripper



Facility Upgrade: *New-Indy's new steam stripper system will improve reliability and efficiency.*



Scan the QR Code to visit New-Indy Catawba's YouTube channel and learn how the new steam stripper will work.

During the paper-making process, wood chips are broken down using a high-temperature chemical solution. As a byproduct, water-containing chemicals are left behind. That material is run through a steam stripper to destroy the chemicals or reuse them as fuel. New-Indy Catawba's new steam stripper system will remove virtually all sulfur compounds and methanol.

The new steam stripper also will be highly efficient. Reusing hot water and recapturing methanol reduces the water and energy needed for the stripping process and other mill functions.

The steam stripper will increase chemical removal and increase the amount of time the stripper is in service. The existing steam stripper will remain as a backup system, further improving reliability. To its knowledge, New-Indy Catawba will be the first facility in the industry to use two steam strippers. Plans for the new system have been finalized and construction is on pace to be completed in 2025.



A Family Affair: *Caymen, Chanda, Carlos, and Cardan Williams at The Citadel Ring Ceremony*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

New-Indy Production Supervisor Carlos Williams Elected Mayor of Chester

After graduating from Chester High School, Carlos Williams enlisted in the Marine Corps and attended Barstow Community College in California. He continued his education in Okinawa, Japan, at the University of Maryland's Asian Division, and accepted an entry level position at the Catawba mill. But the attacks of September 11, 2001, changed his plans. Carlos did a three-and-a-half-year tour of duty serving his country before returning home to his wife, Chanda, and twin sons, Cardan and Caymen.

Carlos began working at the Catawba mill in 2005. He rose through the ranks at work and remained active at home, giving back to his hometown of Chester by mentoring young people and trying to revitalize the city. Carlos persuaded nonprofit organizations to invest in local businesses and to renovate homes. He also served on the Chester City Council beginning in 2015 and was recently elected Chester’s mayor. His goal: to assist the underserved and invigorate his community. “I always had a passion for my community and helping others in need. It’s second nature to me,” Carlos said. “I want to be that leader who will continue to spark change for our residents.”

Carlos is a production supervisor at the mill in charge of the mill’s No. 3 paper machine, pulp dryer, and shipping and receiving. His twin boys are standout athletes who enlisted in the army and attended The Citadel. Cardan is in graduate school at Clemson on a track scholarship. Caymen is a graduate student at The Citadel where he works in the admissions office.

Carlos likes to spend time with his family and renovate properties he owns in the Chester area, which has experienced noticeable growth in the past five years. Carlos says he’s noticed a change in culture at the Catawba mill since New-Indy took ownership in 2019. “New-Indy changed the culture at the mill,” Carlos said. “Different people bring different ideas, different expertise to the table. They told me change was coming and they stood by their word, and I appreciate the company’s commitment to change. It’s a new day in Chester and a new day for New-Indy!”

IN THE COMMUNITY

New-Indy Donates \$5,000 to the Lesslie Volunteer Fire Department

New-Indy Catawba’s Contributions Committee recently gave \$5,000 to the Lesslie Volunteer Fire Department (LVFD), the closest fire department to the mill. New-Indy Catawba maintains a close relationship with LVFD, including periodic joint training exercises.

ABOUT NEW-INDY CATAWBA

New-Indy Catawba is a world-class integrated virgin linerboard and pulp manufacturing mill located on the Catawba River. The facility opened in 1959 and began operation as New-Indy Catawba in 2019. The mill produces a lightweight linerboard used in corrugated packaging and unbleached pulp for other applications.

The facility supports the livelihoods of more than 400 hard-working men and women and their families as well as hundreds of indirect regional jobs in logging, chemical and material supply, and transportation. In addition, New-Indy Catawba has partnered with the U.S. Department of Labor and York Technical College to create an accredited apprenticeship program.



Safety in Numbers: Mill manager Chris Loach (right) recently presented a \$5,000 check to Lesslie Volunteer Fire Department member and New-Indy mechanical master craftsman Doug Morris (left).



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Thank you for reading the New-Indy Catawba newsletter. It provides the community with updates and developments at the mill. Additional information and daily updates can be found at www.newindycatawba.com.

Contact Us: New-Indy has a dedicated phone line for reporting concerns or feedback about our operations. Please call 803.670.2001 and make sure you tell us your name, phone number, and the reason for your outreach.

