

# An Outstanding Record

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An outstanding safety record is being established by construction forces at Basic Magnesium, at a time when the ever increasing tempo of war production plus the mass movement of inexperienced workers to construction centers would be conducive to a rise in the accident and death rate in this particular field.

The U. S. Department of Labor, the National Safety Council, the Association of General Contractors and the state of Nevada early realized the menace to the country of lost man-hours, and all took steps to guard against this. Gratifying results are now becoming evident, as indicated by the record now being established on the big job in southern Nevada.

According to figures compiled by Jack Conlan, state safety engineer, McNeil Construction Company, through constant vigilance of the safety department, has established a record which to date, is believed to be unmatched in equally hazardous construction.

For each 2,500,000 man hours worked, only one life has been lost. Compared to Boulder Dam construction, which set a new record in the field of safety with one death for every 310,000 man-hours worked, the McNeil mark is nothing short of remarkable, reflecting credit on every man, foreman and official on the job.

The frequency rate on the magnesium plant is less than one-half the national average for this type of work, which again discloses how outstanding a record it is.

Safety work not only conserves man power, it also serves to build up the morale of the army workers engaged in war effort here and everywhere.