

MMPA OVID: UNDER CONSTRUCTION



The new mix-proof valves, larger pumps, variable drives with flow meters and flow based sampling have increased throughput in receiving to five-million pounds per day.



New raw milk storage silos have increased Ovid's raw milk storage capacity by 600,000 pounds.





Two new boilers were installed and two existing boilers were relocated into the new boiler room. The additional boilers increase the plant's steam capacity to meet the utility demands of the new plant equipment. The boilers are used to supply high pressure steam to the operation.



The generator pad is complete and the new back-up generators are being installed. With the addition of new electrical hook-ups and controls, the generators will have the capacity to run the existing plant in the event of a power outage. Three generators are scheduled to be online by the end of 2009 and generate two megawatts of electricity per unit, totaling six megawatts of capacity.



MMPA promotes safety at all of our facilities and demands contractors working at our locations do the same. To date, Shambaugh & Son, the design/build firm contracted to expand the Ovid operation has gone over 275 days and has worked 100,000 hours on the Ovid project without a lost time accident. The Shambaugh & Son engineering team is pictured here with the construction safety billboard.



The MMPA Board of Directors held their July meeting in Ovid and used the opportunity to review the progress of the Ovid plant expansion project. Board members donned hard hats and eye protection as they toured various areas of the ongoing construction and learned about how each area they saw would improve plant efficiencies and throughput.