



APRIL 2008 WEBSITE REPORT

ESSEX ENGINE

The month of April brought some long awaited news for the Windsor site and the Essex engine plant. With dignitaries or national union president and staff and Mike Vince and the local 200 bargaining team present, Joe Hendrich announced a new engine program for the Essex engine plant. The new engine program will bring a new generation fuel efficient V8 engines to the Windsor site, details of the engine program have been kept in confidence for competitive reasons but we can all only hope that with fuel prices killing the auto industry this new engine will help strengthen the Ford Motor Company line-up of vehicles for our customers and bring more work for the Windsor site.

The month of May saw the last postings come down that will fill out the first shift for the V8 crank dept. The dept is starting to take shape as new equipment arrives and it will be up and running parts in Dec 08. The second shift will be brought in Feb 09. Several of the other idled machining areas are being looked at for future work, some to run parts for the new program and some for other products being made in other locations.

I would like to welcome Larry Stiers as the new Essex Engine Plant manager; I look forward to working together with Larry to do the right things to bring more work to the plant.

Tim Little
Plant Chairperson
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