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Feb 1970 - Environmental Services 31 years

Started out in Body shop, welding - welding guns & hammers - 30 people in area 1 yr on job then rework stocks 1 yr. got laid off in 74 leveled off in ^{2 months} ~~the~~ Environ. 74 - Housekeeping, janitorial pallets, cardboard - cleaned restrooms - started in Body shop, then Utilities. Sanitation work was better than being hooked to the line.

Laid off 74 reduction in force oil embargo

81 - laid off - back in cushion room for a few months. Strike in 1970 - out 67 days due to pensions - humbling experience.

Prank - area don't show you boundaries so just send you out there. Friends with co-workers supervisors (Ray Perez) very fair great guy did you job well treated you well. Meet alot of people over 35 years alot of great people.

Never had an issue with his race (black) recall when men cleaned women's bathrooms back in the 70's.

Bitter sweet experience about plant closing sad - old plant, but build the most cars.

Wisdom to new employees - be willing to adapt and change with global changes -

1st week worked here 3.51 hr. \$150⁰⁰ a week thought he made too much money.

Name changes - every car had body by Fisher then it changed in 84 and

though company lost their minds. Sometimes
change works out for the best.

Family sister (Chas) Brother in law (Chas)
Brother (material)

Came to work here when he was 20
wanted to be a mechanic - didn't work
out so hired in Body plant.

When 1st came to plant never knew
where places were had to find on your
own - (Hosp Cafeteria) now have tours orientation
Enjoys benefits pensions, legal aid, —

Enjoyed 35 years here - friendships,
bowling leagues, (with supervision + production)
pool leagues. Glad to stay in 1 plant
and to win plant award. Going to new
plant, but doesn't know how long he'll
stay.