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Atlantic States names new assistant manager

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PHILLIPSBURG -- Atlantic States Cast Iron Pipe announced Tuesday the appointment of Timothy J. Zeh as assistant general manager.

Officials said Zeh will be responsible for overseeing plant operations, including production, maintenance and safety programs. He will work closely with the company's environmental department to facilitate the implementation and maintenance of a new mercury emissions control system, officials said.

Zeh will serve on the Atlantic States Community Advisory Panel, which was formed in 2004 to coordinate the organization's community outreach initiatives.

"The appointment of Mr. Zeh is one of many significant changes Atlantic States has been undergoing in order to build a strong future," said Mitchell Kidd, vice president and general manager of Atlantic States. "Our new environmental, safety and community outreach programs as well as the installation of a state-of-the-art mercury emission control system, clearly demonstrate our commitment to our employees, the community and the environment."

Zeh has over 25 years of experience in foundry management. Before joining Atlantic States, he served as general manager of Citation Corporation. While with Citation, Zeh reduced production costs and employee turnover rates, officials said. Zeh holds an MBA from Lynchburg College and a degree in metallurgical engineering from the University of Cincinnati.

Atlantic States is a division of McWane Inc. The foundry was established on March 3, 1856, as the Warren Foundry and Machine Co. and was acquired by McWane in 1975. Today, Atlantic States employs approximately 300 people.

Jury selection began Sept. 12 in the trial of five current and former managers at Atlantic States. The charges against the five men include creating a highly hazardous work environment and lying to investigators to thwart a government probe into a worker's death, according to a 35-count federal indictment. Opening arguments in the case are expected to take place early next week before U.S. District Court Judge Mary L. Cooper in Trenton.