



## **What our Union Brothers and Sisters are saying at**

# **VGNS**

Where's the solidarity displayed in the bargaining update for GNS? I read the VGNS bargaining update and am saddened to think that I almost walked off the job on Aug 2nd, 2008 for 3 minor items. I am disappointed and so far, I feel I've been cheated. I know we're only a few of the tens of thousands of CWA members, but this does not mean that we don't count!

**Deana Longmire**

I truly hope for the moral/survival of the VGNS unionized associate population that we were not left to hang high and dry. In my group alone, we are 65% contractors. So, what does that tell you when I have to pick or agree on schedules with them as a full time employee. GNS needs the support of the rest of the company and CWA. This is the year!

Sincerely,

**Carlton Jones**

The tentative highlights from the VGNS agreement are unacceptable. We were given the short end of the stick. Our contract allows VGNI to essentially Union Bust! As it stands currently, contractors are outnumbering union members here at VGNS. We were willing and prepared to walk for the other 35,000 co-union workers of District 2, so that they may see satisfaction in their contract, but we have been left sorely in the cold with the poultry provisions made on our behalf. Will 35,000 walk on our behalf...would 35,000 except the agreement that we are being leveled with?

**Nikia Henderson**

I am sorely disappointed in the lack of bargained for items reference in VGNS's contract. My faith in the union is shattered! Is that all we got for our efforts? The shabby items presented, are nothing but proof positive disrespect for the few employees who cared about the union. All the talk about "solidarity" and "standing together" is bunk! The only thing VGNS meant to these last negotiations was a number. Come and explain to the VGNS's union members, who stood with you, what little effect their efforts had on this round of bargaining. WE CAME OUT! We were supposed to have been represented better!

**Monisha Brooks**

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