

## Protective Systems Provide Safer Power and Process Projects

**Whether for shutdowns, turnarounds or** new construction, power and process plant operators need skilled labor and heavy equipment as well as strong, temporary covers, enclosures and protective screens to facilitate safe and efficient operations in any weather.

Scott Eckert, sales manager of Strong Man Building Products Corp., says, "Power and process plant crews often work on scaffolds, in and around large, heavy equipment, and in inclement weather. Protective sheeting developed with tear-resistant string-reinforced polyethylene allows crews to work safely in atmosphere-controlled environments safe from wind, rain/snow or cold."

String-reinforced poly consists of two sheets of high-strength low-density poly laminated together with a third layer of polyethylene, which is then reinforced with a heavy-duty scrim that enhances tear resistance and the life of the product.

Eckert adds, "For more extreme conditions (high winds, rain, hail, etc.), our reinforced polyethylene material comes in 10 mil (thickness), yet is still flexible enough to install quickly and stay up."

Another option is the Strong Man SBN-22 vertical debris netting, which is ideal for open-sided buildings and scaffolds. Made from knitted polyethylene threads with a reinforced border, it has hole openings of approximately ¼ in. and meets OSHA requirements. The wider openings allow greater amounts



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of wind to pass through the netting, and remains intact when cut, unlike other netting that unravels after trimming. ■