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Cameron Applied Research Center, Room 101

Engineering from a Business Perspective

William (Ed) Tucker, Jr.
Director, Cigarette Manufacturing
Philip Morris U.S.A.

Mr. Tucker was born in Rawlings, Virginia, a small farming community in Southside Virginia. After graduating from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1980, he joined Philip Morris, USA where he worked in Production Supervision for 5 years in Richmond, Virginia. Following that assignment, Mr. Tucker spent 7 years in the company's Technical Services Division. From there, he moved to the position of Plant Manager of the company's Flavor Center where he worked for 5 years. In 1997, Mr. Tucker moved to Louisville, Kentucky as Director of Primary Processing in the company's Cigarette Manufacturing Facility. In this capacity, he was in charge of the tobacco processing side of the factory and also had two smaller Processing Plants and the Leaf Warehouse Operations reporting to him. In August 1999, Mr. Tucker moved to Charlotte, North Carolina as Director of Primary Processing in the company's Cabarrus Cigarette Manufacturing Plant. After serving in this position for 9 months, he assumed the position as Director, Maintenance & Engineering. In this capacity, he was responsible for all maintenance and engineering for the entire site and was responsible for approximately 700 employees. In September of 2003, Mr. Tucker assumed the position of Director, Cigarette Manufacturing for the Cabarrus Facility.

In his current position, he is responsible for all aspects of managing a complex, high speed Cigarette Manufacturing operation. Mr. Tucker has a workforce of approximately 1200 employees reporting to him.

Mr. Tucker got his B.S. in Business Administration and Management in 1980 and MBA in 1995, both from Virginia Commonwealth University. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, hunting, fishing, traveling and spending time with his family.