Council Meeting Held in Philadelphia

On September 27 and 28 representatives from 12 Honeywell sites across the US and in the UK came together at the USW Local 10-667 union hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for a meeting of the Honeywell Union Council. Representatives of the USW, Teamsters, IBEW, UA, and Machinists were joined by three representatives of Unite the Union from the UK.

Much of the discussion centered on developing a strategy for bargaining at the five US Honeywell locations that are either currently engaged in collective bargaining or will be entering negotiations over the next several months. Union leaders at all sites committed to sharing information and engaging in shop floor activities to show support and solidarity through the bargaining process.

At the meeting, delegates also discussed ongoing efforts to support members of USW Local 7-669 in Metropolis, Illinois. Workers at the Metropolis uranium enrichment facility battled Honeywell through a difficult, yearlong lockout in 2010 and 2011 only to see their facility idled earlier this year. Pressuring Honeywell to return all of those workers to their jobs remains a top priority for the council.

In the coming weeks and month, Honeywell workers across the US and in the UK plan to continue to communicate and work together to build solidarity among Honeywell workers, support each other at the bargaining table, and increase the strength of the union council.

Stay posted over the next several months for regular updates from the Honeywell Union Council to hear about what’s going on at the other Honeywell sites and how we can all stand together for fair contracts!