

# Skippy Peanut Butter Warehouse Expansion

*Little Rock, Arkansas*

*“The precast concrete wall panels made it possible to maintain our demanding construction schedule and minimize the plant disruption to the Unilever. By working closely with our precast supplier it was easy to add six windows for the Owner after the project had started.”*

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Unilever had a dual purpose in expanding its warehouse facility at the Skippy peanut butter plant. Separation was needed between raw ingredients and sanitary packaging, and improving operational efficiency. Construction of a new receiving dock away from the raw ingredients unload area eliminated any possible cross contamination with the finished product. “Safety, controlling costs and keeping the project on schedule were a high priority. We encountered unsuitable soil conditions and had to deal with a wet spring, but we managed to keep the project on track,” says John Savage, Burns & McDonnell Project Manager. During construction raw peanuts arrived twice daily by rail. Precise schedule coordination kept arrivals on track.

Approximately 8,900 square feet of 13 inch insulated wall panels were used on this project. The exterior surface was a light sand blast which was subsequently painted and the interior surface was a trowel finish. There were 25 wall panels used on three exterior walls which provided the client with a durable wall and surface required by a manufacturing warehouse facility such as Skippy. The loading dock entrances were easily incorporated into the precast design and lay-out.



**General Contractor: Burns & McDonnell**