



**Transmission Eastern/Western Joint
Safety Committee Meeting
June 11, 2008**

Members Present:

John Martinez
Ed Wagher
Sylvia Gaspar
Cindy Pinon-Pacheco
John Wright
Tryon Pyeatt
Mike Whitman

Matt Dugan
Barry Kerns
Dan Hughes
David Taylor
Tony Arnold
Jerry Poggemeyer
Dave Stallings

John Reed
Steve Hale
Bruce Cline
Jon Garcia
Don Ogden
John Ortiz

Absent: Claus Langer
Robin Downs

The meeting was called to order.

CAT WALKS – BLYTHE:

Dan Hughes – Dan reviewed cat walks that were installed at Plant III, which started as a project through the Safety Committee. They are now waiting for word on a design for access to exhaust fans, possibly cat walks leading to the roof. Because of the process used through the Safety Committee the initial cat walks were installed and they are forging ahead with access to the exhaust fans.

SAFETY CONGRESS CONCEPTS 2009/FACILITIES STAND-DOWN:

Ed Wagher/Sylvia Gaspar - Ed discussed the concepts for the next Safety Congress which does not appear will change next year.

Sylvia, Dan Hughes, John Ortiz and Dave Stallings participated in the annual Facilities Stand-down held at the ERC which was attended by most of the Facilities personnel. It was suggested that Transmission may want to consider this format. Both Safety Committees will consider teaming up for a joint Stand-down in place of the individual stand-downs Transmission had in the past. Per Jon Garcia the West side will meet July 10th for their monthly meeting and decide at that time if they would like join the East side in a joint effort. Both Ed and Barry have offered their expertise if the committees decide to plan a joint Stand-down.

ACCIDENTS & TRENDS:

Jon Garcia – The West side has had two OSHA reportable incidents so far this year both were knee injuries. One person slipped, the other lost his footing while working in a stream. Two recent incidents on the East side, one involving an operator's knee coming into contact with a hose reel that had been left out. Three of the sprain/strain type incidents could be avoided in the future if employees use the "Eyes on Path" concept. The fourth incident an employee got a metal speck in his eye, this happened as he was snapping the lens down on his welding hood, A doctor's visit was required to remove the metal particle and to wash out the eye. As a result the focus will be on inspecting eye protection PPE prior to putting them on. The investigation was unable to determine how the metal got into the mask.

No driving incidents reported at this time in Transmission. Ed pointed out, when you see an driving incident reported as a near miss, and there was contact, it's because there was no property damage, so it is not reported as an accident.

NEAR MISSES:

David Taylor - Are Near Misses being turned in?

The West side had a discussion among the various work groups – What is a Near Miss? They determined if something almost happens and you think others could benefit from hearing about it – turn it in. Are employees still fearful of repercussions for turning in near misses? The feeling seems to be employees are not necessarily fearful but not willing or able to take the time to complete the form, as it is somewhat cumbersome to access and fill out. Safety Committee members need to continue reinforcing the need to fill out Near Miss forms. Jerry mentioned Storage had a Near Miss workshop at the Safety Congress; he will look into making copies to be shared with the other committee members.

Accident trends are going in the wrong direction and the executives are concerned with the fact near misses are not being reported as they should be.

As a result of the fatal accident in San Diego, management is looking to change the “culture” of thinking throughout Sempra Energy. Procedures and policies are in place for the protection of employees. It is our responsibility to adhere to and follow procedures/policies at all times.

AUDIT REG STATIONS:

Barry – Corporate Auditing had determined Safety will look at all Reg. station vaults. They came to an agreement that 20% of the sites will be reviewed by canvassing Maximo work orders. If a corrective order was issued was the problem resolved? Although this will be handled by Safety it is compliance driven. Barry will contact Jeff Sauer and Susan Jefferson to review records.

HANDS FREE DRIVING:

New Gas Standard recently released; which went into effect **June 1st, 2008** is the same as the California law which is effective **July 1st, 2008**.

SAFETY STAND-DOWNS:

Once Western has their committee meeting, the committees will determine what direction they’ll be taking.

SIMS SYSTEM:

Ed Wagher – All annual ESCMP audits with the exception of Wheeler Ridge have been completed but not entered into SIMS. Monthly and annual inspections must be entered into SIMS, quarterly inspections which are not required but Transmission has chosen to perform are not entered. Safety Audits are not the same as Corporate Audits, they are similar to assessment reviews. Environmental audits are more time intensive as they review records, manifests, etc. Many that have been trained are finding SIMS very cumbersome, difficult to maneuver in, and very time consuming. It was revealed Near Miss Forms are now located in SIMS which is accessed through SAP. Only management employees will have access to SIMS.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY VIDEO:

Jerry – Presented a video he obtained from Fluke, located through their website:

<http://us.fluke.com/usen/new/events/Materials.htm>. This video is free and can be used for safety meetings.

Ed reviewed Safety is currently working on developing Procedures dealing with Arc Flashes. Also the video library is currently being updated, removing old videos and adding new ones.

Bruce pointed out there are many testers being used that are not rated the same or not necessarily for the work to be performed.

ROUNDTABLE:

John Reed – They are having issues getting to some pipelines due to overgrown weeds. They have encountered resistance because local agencies will not allow conventional methods due to the fire hazards involved. It was suggested they may need to consider using goats.

David Taylor – Regarding Job Observations are the response cards being returned to Bret Lane? Bret is receiving the response cards with positive feedback.

Ed - Job Observation evaluations are averaging 98% not always reflective of accidents/OSHA recordables that occur. Is the Job Observation the tool we need to meet the objective of reducing incidents?

David cont'd – Safety recognition for individuals – Is something being done to acknowledge the individual who has had a number of years with a perfect safety record? Jon Garcia and Barry will bring it up at the next GHOST meeting.

Tony Arnold – Be aware bees have become an issue; an accident on 605 resulted in several emergency personnel being stung, a boy hiking in the foothills with his dog was stung and hospitalized. Tony personally observed a couple of swarms one at a Producer site the other while out with his child. Be alert. John Ortiz stated bee swarms are usually just traveling, trying to re-establish a new hive. When you encounter an existing hive that is when caution is needed.

John Wright – Ideas regarding disaster response and how to help affected areas or disperse items at the local level. There is a contingency plan in place; John was referred to Ken Fussell.

Sylvia – Employee inquired regarding having rear windows on Company trucks tinted, to help reduce the sun penetrating through. She was referred to Bob Taber who is on the Vehicle Modification Committee.

Bruce – Rattlesnakes and Mohave Greens are out; be aware and careful of your surroundings. The Mohave Green venom is reported to be more toxic than it was a couple of years ago.

John Ortiz – Regarding safety videos, Caterpillar also has safety videos that can be downloaded. He tried ordering from the Company video library with no success.

John Martinez – Five bases, some with successful records, some with incidents, were polled regarding their views on the safety records of their particular facility. It is still undecided whether the results will be shared throughout Gas Operations.

Ed Wagher – Transmission had tried acquiring strobe lights for Company vehicles, the request was denied, but the light bars that are currently used can be requested for the front and rear of your vehicle, a vehicle modification form needs to be completed and turned into Fleet.

Recommendation:

During accident investigations he discovered facilities have started to review what safety issues might be particularly pertinent to that day's work, the group reviews during the morning meetings, what safety approach to use for the job task being performed that day.

UPCOMING SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Thursday, July 10th (date not confirmed)

Western SC

Wednesday, September 17th, 9:00am (EAST)

Beaumont Base

Wednesday, December 3rd, 9:00am, Joint Meeting

Chatsworth