

MINUTES OF
PLANT MANAGER'S SAFETY BOARD MEETING

May 18, 1977

Present:

G. W. Bostick	C. M. McCullough
P. E. Brubaker	D. W. Metten
J. E. Clark	W. H. Lane
G. A. Danner	G. T. Ryan
J. Townsend (for G. Daues)	R. L. Stuart
W. C. Fuller	D. R. Wise (for MIC)
E. S. Moore (for R. Martini)	J. G. Trafton

SAFETY STATISTICS -- Glass

Time Period	TOT INJ	TIR	TOT RI	RIR
May 1 - May 12, 1977	8	14.81	2	3.70
January 1 - May 12, 1977	92	14.82	7	1.13

PLANT MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Phil commented on the fact that we still had a new record number of days since our last serious injury. At the time of this meeting it was 68 days. He commented on the fact that the trend was in the right direction. Phil also reported that the MCIC Plant Manager's Task Force on Safety had reviewed the first quarter '77 figures showing major injuries (lost-time) in MCIC were higher than last year. One of the four major injuries was at Texas City. The Plant Managers compared notes on steps being taken to improve overall safety performance. Phil pointed out that our "Take the Extra Step" safety contact program was aimed at improved safety performance and to keep our record going. To make it work, however, it takes interested involvement of supervisors at every level. Phil said that his Friday visits to the plant convinced him that the personal contacts about safety are important and are fundamental to the success of the program.

SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) -- G. W. Bostick

The following items were reviewed by SAC at their last meeting and a brief status is outlined.

1. Common Carrier Wrecks

R. L. Stuart and Material Handling group reviewed present response, the P-bulletin 906 and status of corporate efforts on the problem. When the Corporate Policy is established P-0906 will be revised and re-issued.

2. In-Plant Railroad Crossing Task Force

Of the 15 concerns developed by the task force all had been resolved except five. Bill Riddick reviewed the status of these items and was instructed to obtain engineering estimates of the costs so they could be reviewed at the next SAC meeting.

3. Nitrogen Blanketing of Internal Floating Roof Tanks

SAC reviewed the results of the design meeting held by Jack Carlisle on this subject and recommended the nitrogen blanketing of internal floating roof tanks containing flammable liquids (having a flash point $\leq 140^{\circ}\text{F}$ or is stored within 40°F of its lowest reported closed cup flash point). The board accepted the recommendation and adopted this as a plant standard.

4. Silica Safety Association

SAC had recommended earlier that a grant be given to support this association. Phil stated that if it was for dues, payment could be made locally; if it is a grant, approval by higher management in St. Louis is required. Trafton will be responsible for follow-up.

5. Warden Communications

A PAFE has been approved for improving the warden communications system. SAC recommended that a test of the system be conducted as soon as possible after the new equipment had been installed.

6. Electrical Tracing Hazard

Safety hazards arising from lack of control of certain kinds of electrical tracings are being defined by the SAC committee; however, the SHAC Notice of February 2, 1977 did not request a response from the recipients. A SHAC Action Request specifying the desired response should be issued to all manufacturing units. (This has been done by SHAC.)

SAFETY HOUSEKEEPING AND ACTION COMMITTEE (SHAC) -- R. L. Stuart

1. Project "CONTROL CHART"

SHAC has started a new control chart for keeping up with the projects, task forces, studies, plans and programs being conducted by the committee. This control chart is expected to be helpful in showing the status of plantwide programs scheduled, underway, or completed by the committee.

2. "TAKE THE EXTRA STEP" Safety Program

The program was launched on May 11 and preliminary results indicate the high degree of interest and enthusiasm.

3. Office Safety Committee

Following members of the Office Safety Committee were appointed at the last meeting.

Russ Furley, Chairman
Ellen Harris
Bob Wheeler

Dorothy Boyd
Bill Garrett
Weldon Nonnenmacher

Weldon was re-appointed to serve as the safety department representative to the committee.

4. Annual Housekeeping Inspection

The annual housekeeping inspection is the responsibility of the SHAC Committee. This possibly is the largest undertaking SHAC will have during the year. Because of its scope, the committee will be organized so that each member will have responsibility for a segment of the total effort. Also, SHAC will be asking many others to become involved by working on sub-committees. Bob Stuart will serve as overall chairman.

5. Review of Incidents

The following incidents were reviewed by the Plant Manager's Safety Board. Reports have already been issued.

- a. Methanol tankcar spill on 3/23/77 - Stuart
- b. Ammonia spill on 3/26/77 - Danner
- c. AN contamination of condensate system on 3/30/77 - Ryan
- d. Drott crane incident on 4/6/77 - McCullough
- e. Hexane fire - second level lines 1 & 2 on 4/22/77 - Daues
- f. Methanol-syn gas plant spill on 5/2/77 - Ryan
- g. Contractor incident (J. A. Jones rig contact with telephone cable on 5/4/77 - Martini

6. Fire Water Usage -- J. E. Clark

The fire chief, John Eason, has reported that there have been entirely too many incidents of unauthorized use of fire water. The procedure bulletin, "Fire Protection and Equipment" (P-0124) clearly spells out the circumstances for using the fire protection water system. This P-bulletin is being revised and will be re-issued with a cover letter emphasizing the necessity for total compliance with its provisions.


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