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Communication

The Safety Committee met on September 21, 1984. The meeting discussion followed the attached published agenda.

Injury and Exposure Trends

Initially, there was no discussion on the upward trend in the injury area. AHS stated that the increases in VCM overexposures were the result of not chasing leaks. JF shared that he felt that what he saw on the Honeywell strip charts indicated that we don't do as well on finding and fixing leaks.

Going back to injury trends, JF asked if the emphasis on safety was there. PJK shared that his supervisors were more active in the safety area but his performance was worse. They were doing two task audits per month. Also, safety meeting times had changed. There were some goods and some bads involved with this change. The biggest problem was in the area of safety permits. Safety was also making a contribution of taking the lead in the September meeting..

CRS commented that the supervisors were involved but plant employees were not involved. Along with that he stated that the major cost control program and safety could not be done at the same time with the same emphasis. He also felt that safety standards should have improved and not require as much attention.

JF then asked if we should do anything different. CRS responded that the current cost program intensity and an intense safety effort would be overburdening.

DWH noted that safety meetings in Vinyl had been changed from beginning of shift to end of shift to provide better permit control. Also, Vinyl is doing JSAs.

JF asked if Vista has had an impact. CRS, PJK & DWH all responded positively. With current business conditions and the old module down, they were looking for a layoff. Right now employees are concerned about their livelihoods. Their security is not there.

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LPS indicated that the safety interest level has dropped. Customers and job security are the big issues.

RAF said that he was not seeing Vista and job security as being in the forefront for the engineers.

JF asked if it was appropriate to have employee meetings. After some discussion, the consensus was yes. He then asked for input by 9/25/84 on meeting topics. He also asked us to keep giving thought to how we could improve awareness.

PJK asked why our lead sampling frequency appeared so inconsistent. He read off the number of samples reported for each month since the beginning of the year. The high was 40 and the low was 5. This apparent sampling inconsistency was not due to sampling but to timing of reports back from Ponca City. We have audited sampling frequencies for VCM and lead and found them being done as specified.

Sub-Committee Progress

- Interlock and Alarm Setpoint: CED will have the incinerator and AMS pots complete by 10/1/84. Review of written checkout procedure will be done by REP, RAF, CWT, and CRS. Other fired equipment (boilers/dryers) will be next. Checkout must test shutdown controls either by actual test or by electrical signal.

- Blinding: As noted in agenda. Curtis Lloyd to do drafting with template and lettering machine.

- Tools: Progress noted in agenda. Additional discussion comparing what was in place versus requirements. JF asked AHS to define requirements under OSHA to CRS, JWW and JF.

JF asked if there were other areas where we needed inspection requirements. Other areas mentioned included conduit seals and emergency alarm testing.

- Audits - AHS to copy list to committee members for review and comment. JF commented that the output from this would be a list of audit items with frequency set by policy.

Other Topics

Health Testing Cost Control - In order to improve cost effectiveness, the plant will be working to determine who intends to waive first. Scheduling will then be based on the reduced base of personnel who plan to take the screen. AHS to write cover letter to remind supervisors about why the change when waivers are requested. Target timing to start will be end of October.

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Other Topics - continued

1985 Safety Program Plans - The group felt that the session away from the plant was important but that we needed to be careful to control the cost. Department Heads were to poll their personnel concerning meeting times. Meetings were to be complete by early November.

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