

PLANT MANAGERS SAFETY BOARD MEETING
October 21, 1975

Present:

Members	Visitors
E. H. Jones	W. L. Riddick
W. H. Lane	G. W. Bostick
W. C. Fuller	E. S. Moore
J. G. Trafton	C. E. Yoas
G. W. Daues	
G. A. Danner	
J. A. Glass	
R. Rosenberg	
N. L. Marsh	
G. T. Ryan	

PLANT MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Phil pointed out that serious injuries like the last two have the potential of being classified as loss time injuries. The nature of these injuries may indicate that we may have let down our guard in the last couple of weeks. While we have been busy in housekeeping inspection preparations and with the actual visit of the inspection team itself, we reached a peak of interest followed by a general letdown after it was all over. Phil said that he wanted each person in the plant to be contacted by his/her supervisor to be reminded of the need to remain alert, avoid being complaisant about safety matters, and to continue to look for and eliminate unsafe acts and conditions which could cause injuries. He asked that each General Superintendent; Heads of PT, MISD, and Accounting report the percent of their headcount contacted during this week.

Phil asked the members of the Board to review the serious injury reports issued so far this year to make certain that the proposed corrective action had been taken. He also asked for a general improvement to be made in the quality of the reports so that the cause of the injury, corrective action, responsibility, and completion dates be clearly indicated in the reports.

Phil asked the SHAC committee to consider the most effective way to publicize throughout the plant the results of the serious injury investigation. It is scheduled for discussion at the next meeting of SHAC.

BIENNIAL LOSS PREVENTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL REVIEW

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The Safety Advisory Committee (SAC) reported their investigation of the need for Loss Prevention and Environmental Control Reviews led them to conclude that these reviews were an important part of our overall safety program. They also concluded that the review would be conducted on a more formalized basis than in the past. The PMSB adopted the following resolution:

> "It will be the Texas City Plant policy that a formal Loss Prevention and Environmental Control Review will be held for each operating unit at least once every two years. The Safety and Housekeeping Action Committee (SHAC) will be responsible for developing and recommending appropriate procedures to implement this policy."

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SAFETY AND HOUSEKEEPING COMMITTEE (SHAC) REPORT

A report of additional comments picked up during recent housekeeping inspection was issued on October 13.

Recommendation for next year's preparations will be issued by the end of the month.

A report was given on the progress of the visibility program. The problem of maintaining the flashing lights on the plant logo was reviewed. Plant engineering is responsible for correcting the lighting problem.

Self-inspections for compliance with OSHA regulations are in progress in units throughout the plant and the results are being compiled by the Safety and Loss Prevention Department.

IN-PLANT TRAFFIC

A. A P-Bulletin on handling unusual loads has been prepared by Plant Engineering and is circulating for approval.

B. Purchasing has arranged with suppliers and trucking firms to avoid using the main gate for pick-up and deliveries between the hours of 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

C. Plant Engineering Services group have issued a report on a study of pedestrian traffic. SHAC will review the report and recommend appropriate actions.

D. SHAC is considering appropriate actions on truck and car traffic problems and has scheduled a review on this subject on October 30. A number of interested groups have been asked to participate.

CED and Garland Copelin were asked to remind contractors that the cafeteria privileges were not available to their employees. This should reduce traffic around the main office building during the lunch hour.

GENERAL TERMS FOR CONTRACTS

George Danner reported that the group charged with responsibility for revising and up-dating the general terms for contracts had received approval of their proposal and will be implemented right away. The revised terms include provisions for emergency first aid, ambulance service, requirements for compliance with our Contractor's Manual of Safe Practices, and OSHA regulations.

PIPELINES IN SUPERHAZARDOUS SERVICE

Policies and procedures have been developed for the inspection and control of the maintenance of ex-battery limit piping in superhazardous service. Plant Engineering Services (Trafton) will develop and circulate a P-Bulletin for approval of the procedures necessary to implement the policies.

L-MANUAL

Trafton reported that CED has dropped the L-Manual. They are in the process now of phasing the L-Manual contents into the Corporate Standards. Design preferences by Texas City people should be handled on a project-by-project basis. The Plant Engineering Services group is developing a design preference booklet for the Texas City site.

REPORT OF CED-S&PP VISIT

The report of the CED-S&PP visit has been received and circulated for comment. A summary of the replies and comments will be prepared for the next meeting of the PMSB.

INDUSTRIAL MUTUAL AID SYSTEM

The plant manager requested a review of the IMAS system for his staff to be arranged at an early date. This session will be held separately from the PMSB meeting.

PHTHALIC ANHYDRIDE TANK CAR SPILL

Cause of the phthalic anhydride spill was found to be faulty bolting arrangement on the bottom of the tank car. Seven of the 25 cars in service in this fleet have been inspected for similar difficulties. Several were found to be defective and are being corrected. Other producers and users of phthalic anhydride are being notified of this spill to avoid a recurrence of this incident at other locations.

NEAR-MISS REPORTS

It was pointed out that a number of near misses are occurring in the plant and adequate reporting of them can be useful in drawing attention to the problems that might be occurring in other areas. All supervisors are urged to be alert to near miss incidents which could result in injuries or significant property losses. The SHAC committee is investigating ways for publicizing these events so that similar events in other areas can be avoided.

TERM OF THE HOURLY UNIT/CRAFT REPRESENTATIVES

The plant manager asked the Safety Advisory Committee to review the present term of office of the Unit/Craft Representatives to determine whether the terms of office should be extended from six months to a year. The committee was asked to make their recommendation at the next meeting of the PMSB.

INDOOR SAFETY SHOWERS

Some safety shower valves are spring loaded and require the operator to keep his hand on the valve in order to keep the water flowing. Supervisors are asked to investigate their showers to determine whether or not spring loaded valves are used instead of those that remain open once they are opened. A revision in the end pieces of the indoor eye baths have been recommended by PT and are being fabricated for installation. A recent review of the eye bath installations in PT reveal that a 6 gpm limiting orifice had been installed in a location where a 2 gpm orifice was required. Two-gpm orifices will be stocked in the storeroom for future installations, and for changing existing eye baths that have the 6 gpm limiting orifices.

VACUUM TRUCKS

A P-Bulletin is being prepared for checking vacuum truck hoses by weekly hydro tests. A system is being developed to eliminate the need for vacuum truck operators to pressurize their tanks. Malone is investigating the use of centrifugal pumps to pump materials out of their tanks, thus eliminating the need for pressurizing their tanks. Target date for issue of the P-Bulletin for approval is November 1.

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