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SUBJECT

Hourly Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
of November 29, 1983

REFERENCE

TO

: James Baker - 56D
Bubba Bean - SS-9
Lloyd Caldwell - SS-22
Lee Derrick - AB-1
Beverly Dodson - 16D
J. W. Hughes - SS-13
W. A. Lowery - SS-10
Casey Yauger - 51D

Seven of the eight members were present.

The meeting opened with the SHAC chairman reviewing the current SHAC projects and the major concerns generated by the Annual Safety and Housekeeping Inspection.

Old Business

• Asbestos Pickup

When only insulators were handling asbestos, used material was bagged and the bags immediately removed via truck to a special dumpster. Now that other crafts are handling asbestos, the material is bagged, but not immediately picked up.

Action - A plant wide procedure has been initiated whereby any craft handling asbestos will bag and remove the bags by their truck to the special asbestos dumpster. Training in this procedure is scheduled to begin on December 7 as part of the plant-wide asbestos awareness training.

• Dismantling Idle Pipeline

The safety of dismantling the idle pipeline near Department 48/56 was discussed.

Action - This concern was communicated to the persons responsible for following this project. Improvements in procedures and safety practices were noted, particularly in the area of asbestos handling.

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- Department 44 Dumpster

A dumpster in Department 44 is labeled "For Asbestos Only," however, it is being used for everything but asbestos.

Action - This concern was brought to the attention of unit supervision by a member of the HSC. The sign was removed.

- Rig Warning Signs

Rigs are lifting equipment and not using barricades or signs to warn people and to keep them from being exposed to walking under loads.

Action - Concern communicated to maintenance supervision.

New Business

- There is a concern that it is not safe for janitors in the Quality Assurance Laboratory to handle sample bottles that are capped and still containing chemicals. It was suggested that the bottles should be uncapped, emptied, and flushed prior to giving to the janitor for disposal.

The SHAC chairman stated that this is a matter peculiar to the laboratory, and should be resolved in the laboratory rather than by the HSC.

- The laborers complained that from time to time they are instructed to dispose of scaffold boards contaminated with NSI.

The carpenters' representative to the HSC stated that he had already discussed this concern with unit and maintenance supervision and was satisfied that it was taken care of.

- The chairman of the HSC disagreed with the abbreviated investigation report on the carpenter who was injured while handling a section of scaffold. Specifically, he felt that terms like "inattention" and "improper method" were too strong and not warranted. He was concerned that these investigation reports would be filed in the individual's personnel records.

The SHAC chairman explained that the abbreviated reports were a means of informing persons throughout the plant that an incident occurred and hopefully, the information would be used in a positive manner to prevent future occurrences. Individual names are omitted from the report so as not to embarrass anyone, and these reports are never placed in an individual's personnel record. On occasion, disciplinary action may be taken as a result of an investigation, and the results of the action may be placed in one's file. The abbreviated bulletins, however, will not reflect this disciplinary action.

- It was reported that laborers were allowed to work in a tank containing phthalic anhydride without a legal permit. (Because of the seriousness of this concern, unit supervision has already completed an investigation and concluded that the permit was legal. It does point out, however, that there may be a weakness in the permit procedure. SHAC will investigate.)
- The above concern generated another concern, and that is how reliable is our tank (or vessel) sniffing procedure. The SHAC chairman explained that sniffing alone should never be relied upon as a guarantee that a tank or vessel is safe for entry, particularly when toxic chemicals are involved. Individuals entering tanks or vessels for the first time should wear proper protective clothing and breathing equipment until it can be determined, without a doubt, that the equipment is safe.



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