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cc:

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SUBJECT

Minutes of Hourly Safety Committee Meeting
October 26, 1982

REFERENCE

TO

Hourly Safety Committee

Present: Pervis Cotton - 33D
 Gene Crain - SS8
 James Nidiffer - SS10
 Manuel Perez - 51D
 Albert Solis - 2PD
 Mike Westmoreland - AB1
 George Williamson - 33D

Absent: Walt Middleton - SS13

The guest speaker was Greg Daues. Greg discussed the status of plans for extending STOP training to the leadmen and chief operators.

Dennis Kos reviewed the 16th recordable injury investigation and P-bulletin 0134 on ball valve usage.

The STOP cards turned in during the month of September were reviewed by the HSC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Extension Ladder securement of Rungs

By request from SHAC, the HSC worked with unit/craft representatives to identify a rung securement method which could be used easily by all crafts. They recommended the use of plastic ties (carseals).

SHAC has located plastic ties of sufficient length (30 inches) and strength to keep the latches engaged if tied on both sides of the rungs. SHAC has petitioned SAC to adopt a policy requiring that extension ladders be secured at the rungs by plastic ties or baling wire.

Physical Fitness Promotion

Information on facilities in the Texas City and surrounding vicinities has been compiled. Albert Solis, Mike Westmoreland, and Dennis Kos will meet to assemble an article for the newspaper.

Dust Exposure in Insulators/Carpenters Shop

- o The insulators working in the insulator/carpenter shop have expressed concern over the high amounts of shell dust which blows into the south door as the prevailing southeast wind picks up dust kicked up as vehicles travel on First Avenue. This problem has been brought up numerous times with no solution.

- o Last month Gene Crain, Walt Middleton, and Dennis Kos visited the shop but were not able to see the shell dust problem due to a west wind.

The Industrial Hygiene Department sampled dust concentration on October 19, 1982. Concentrations were determined both at the insulators' shop south door and at the side of the road where dust level was the highest as vehicles pass by. The maximum concentration of respirable dust (<10 microns) was 0.12 mg/liter versus an OSHA standard of 5.0 mg/liter.

In conclusion, the dust level from the shell road south of the insulator shop is not a safety concern or health hazard. It certainly may be a nuisance or work climate problem, and will be addressed as such by Howard Jackson and Ed Crow.

Yellow--Caution and Red--Fire/Spill Tape

Concern was expressed in previous HSC minutes over non-Monsanto personnel's knowledge of the meaning of yellow/black or red tape.

LP&S has investigated the availability of red tape labeled "ENTRY REQUIRES SPECIAL PERMISSION." Use of this tape could not be justified because it was difficult to read.

SHAC has initiated a reissue of the bulletin board announcement describing the purpose of each tape.

The next HSC meeting will be held Tuesday, November 30, 1982, at 1330 in the personnel building, small conference room.



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