

MINUTES OF THE PLANT MANAGER'S SAFETY BOARD MEETING

February 18, 1976

Present:

G. A. Danner
G. W. Daues
W. C. Fuller
J. A. Glass
W. H. Lane
R. Martini
C. A. Peters
Ray Rosenberg
G. T. Ryan

Visitors:

N. Marabella for H. S. Hamby
R. W. Arnold for E. H. Jones
H. M. Lacy for N. L. Marsh
C. C. Hebert for C. M. McCullough
J. F. Carlisle for J. G. Trafton

1. SAFETY AND HOUSEKEEPING COMMITTEE (SHAC) -- Rosenberg

Rosenberg reviewed the following items that are covered in detail in the February 12 issue of the SHAC minutes:

Ladder Inspection Procedure
Safety Innovations
Ball Valve Compliance Report
Fire and Spill Alarm
Photo Gray Safety Glasses
Defensive Driving Course
Lock-out Procedure
Serious Injury Report Publicity
Protection of Personnel During Major Spills
Blood Bank
Quarterly Guest Housekeeping Inspection
Smoking in Research Conference Room
New SHAC Committee

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2. OLD BUSINESSA. P-Bulletin on Inspection and Maintenance of Pipelines

The inspection portion of the P-bulletin has been drafted. McCullough will prepare the maintenance portion and will work with Trafton to put the two parts together for a new P-bulletin.

B. Contractor Accident or Incident Report Procedure

Martini (CED) and McCullough have resolved all outstanding issues, and the new P-bulletin will be issued by the end of the month.

C. Recommendations of 1975 Plant Inspection Committee

- 1) Breathing Air System - Rex McDonnell made a detailed report on the Breathing Air Procedure Bulletin, P-0121. He emphasized that Department 984, the Compressed Air Department, is responsible for

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the supply of breathing air from the plant air compressors to the distribution header. He also described the inspection methods, procedures and controls now in effect to avoid contamination by any other gases. Using departments are responsible for piping from the header block valve and inside battery limits. Owners are responsible to see that the breathing air is not contaminated from within an owner's system. A monthly visual check of in-battery breathing air lines is a requirement of the Area Safety Inspections Procedure Bulletin, P-0116.

- 2) Fire Extinguisher Training for Office Personnel - Loss Prevention and Safety Department recommended that a 90-minute training session be offered to office and clerical personnel on a voluntary basis. A course outline will be prepared and issued through the line organization in the same way as all other Personnel Development and Training Course offerings. Department heads will send the Training Department (Christeen Turner) a list of those persons desiring such training. The sessions will be arranged and directed by the Fire Department (John Eason and Jim White). The scheduling and enrollment for the sessions will be developed by Training.

3. REVIEW OF INCIDENTS

A. Near-Miss Serious Incidents Reviewed

- 1) Minor Injury - Man sprayed with DIBAH in HDPE -- Daues
- 2) Minor Injury - Finger caught under filter housing diesel engine repair - Hebert for McCullough

B. Explosion in the Off-Gas Header - Glass

An investigation team has been formed. Their deviation analysis has been completed and a report will be issued. (actually issued on February 6, 1976)

C. Failure to Use Lock-Out Procedure -- Glass

An instance was cited in which two machinists working on a gear reducer failed to completely lock-out the system. The Board was reminded that the last two serious incidents (one a serious injury, the other a near-miss) were caused by failure to properly lock-out systems. The Board was also reminded of the requirement that the lock-out procedure must be the subject of a safety meeting in the first quarter of 1976.

4. REVIEW OF STATISTICS

	TOT		TOT	
	INJ	TIF	SI	SIF
2/1 through 2/12	10	104	0	0.0
1/1 through 2/11	38	108	1	2.8

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