

PLANT MANAGER'S SAFETY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 21, 1977

Present:

G. W. Bostick	W. H. Lane
P. E. Brubaker	R. Medina (for R. C. Martini)
J. A. Glass (for J. E. Clark)	D. W. Metten
G. A. Danner	G. T. Ryan
G. W. Daues	R. L. Stuart
J. B. Cook (for W. C. Fuller)	H. Lacy (for J. G. Trafton)

1. REVIEW OF STATISTICS -- GLASS

TEXAS CITY SAFETY PERFORMANCE SUMMARY THROUGH AUGUST 1977

		<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
YTD through June	TIF	80.9	85.4
	SIF	2.3	6.4
YTD through July	TIF	84.6	93.1
	SIF	3.0	7.1
YTD through August	TIF	86.7	95.8
	SIF	6.1	7.1

Through August:

24 recordable cases this year as follows:

- 14 classified serious
- 14 medical treatment only
- 7 lost workday case (limited duty)
- 4 days away from work case (lost time)

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>	YTD July 1977 <u>MCIC</u>
TRR - Total Recordable Case Rate	2.10	3.70	6.50
TLWR - Total Lost Workday Case Rate	.61	.95	1.20
DAWR - Days Away From Work Case Rate	.35	.95	.29

TLWR Target: 1.45 (1/2 Chem. Ind. Average)

2. REPORT OF SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) -- DAUES

(a) Review of addition to P-0100 proposed by SHAC

The addition proposed on expansion of the safety organization was accepted by SAC with a minor revision. (The approval with the minor revision was given to R. L. Stuart immediately after the meeting.

(b) Emergency Communications System

The committee presented a proposal for a single console wireless system purchased to be installed at a location

near the main gate. This system would:

- 1) Be capable of equivalent emergency communications to those we now have in the emergency communications center,
- 2) Be remotely located for backup,
- 3) Be independent of wire lines, and
- 4) Allow for future wireless improvements in the ECR.

The estimated cost of this system is \$120,000.

The PMSB reviewed some possible alternatives to this proposal including consideration of the front gate house, west gate or mobile unit locations.

(c) MCI Transportation Accident Policy

Texas City materials handling supervisors have reviewed and approved the "Legal Considerations and General Guidelines" sections of the MCI policy being put together by Cole Downing. Copies of the two sections (mentioned above) had been sent to SAC members for review.

(d) Ham Radio Communications

The ham radio at the gate house has been checked and made operable. Jim Cavender has accepted the assignment of heading up the operation of this equipment for those emergencies which require its use. He has also found three other qualified employees who have volunteered to assist with the radio during extended emergencies such as hurricanes.

At present it appears that our radio is obsolete and consideration should be given to upgrading or replacement. In addition our ability to use this radio system to contact our Houston office is limited to emergency messages only via a radio-phone system at the CD headquarters north of Dickinson. Delays waiting for Houston phone lines are very likely with the current system. Therefore, SAC feels we ought to consider installing a radio system in our Houston office.

In addition we should coordinate our radio communications with Chocolate Bayou. George Bostick has accepted the responsibility of coordinating our policy and actions on the radio system and will work with Jim Cavender.

The PMSB approved the plan to upgrade the radio communication system for emergency situations.

(e) Railroad Safety

J. A. Glass has agreed to arrange a test for switch engine horn warning at each intersection. This will require informing evening shift personnel (via Dial 5 and bulletin boards) of the test to avoid confusion with horn warning systems.

This test will be arranged sometime after housekeeping inspection has been completed.

(f) Future Policy Considerations

- 1) We have been asked to form a task force to study and make recommendations to overcome problems involving ground faults. (JAG/GWD 9/7/77)
- 2) A policy decision on guarding smooth rotating shafts has been requested by E. P. Bailey. Pertinent information is being circulated to SAC members.
- 3) A suggestion for color coding of locks for lockout use has been received. (JAG/JB 9/12/77, cc: SAC members) This will be considered at our next meeting.

3. REPORT OF SAFETY HOUSEKEEPING ACTION COMMITTEE (SHAC) -- STUART

Final schedules and plans for annual housekeeping inspection were reviewed.

4. DECONTAMINATED ITEMS SENT TO SALVAGE DEPT. -- DANNER

A memo discussing the problem was distributed prior to this meeting with plans for reviewing it at a subsequent PMSB meeting. No specific date has been set for this review.

5. REVIEW OF INCIDENTS

- a. J. A. Jones pipefitter injured in fall August 16 -- Martini
- b. Spill at Dock #1 from Barge NMS 1400 August 24 -- Danner
- c. Lost time injury to Dept. 33 operator August 26 -- Trafton
- d. Incident report (dated 9/8/77) - heads column reflux pump -- McCullough
- e. ACY operator fatality August 28 -- Trafton
- f. Operator injury - steam line rupture August 29 -- Ryan
- g. Dept. 53 operator muscle strain - September 15 -- Trafton

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6. SCAFFOLDING PROBLEMS

The Board discussed the need for careful review of scaffolding throughout the plant. Some scaffolds are being poorly constructed by contractors or modified after being properly erected. We have experienced enough serious scaffold incidents to justify an increased effort to eliminate the causes by proper scaffold erection and control.


J. A. Glass

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