HOURLY SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING

March 27, 1979

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

MON-621

PRESENT:

Don Barnhill
G. L. Berry
Hugh Bowen
J. A. Froebel
Jake Linkey
Joe D. Lowe
D. B. Packard

ABSENT:

John Clemmon
Herbie Townsend

ALSO:

D. W. Metten
J. A. Glass

Doug Metten described the operation of the Safety Advisory Committee, pointing out that it is a working arm of the Plant Manager's Safety Board. They provide investigation follow-up review and preparation of proposed procedure or policy changes. They work on projects assigned by the Plant Manager or the Plant Manager's Safety Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Hourly Safety Committee asked the Safety Advisory Committee to consider the possibility of lengthening the term of service of the Hourly Safety Committee from six months to one year. The purpose being to reduce the start-up time allowing the members to be more effective. If terms are staggered new members could be added at six month intervals. This item will be placed on the Safety Advisory Committee agenda.

2. Bicycle Safety: The committee asked that the load limit of bicycles be investigated as a part of the bicycle safety review currently in progress. There is some concern that bicycles are being over loaded by some people using them. This will be passed along to Raoul Hernandez. Limit of 350#

NEW BUSINESS:

AWK 1. Off Loading of Drums from Pallets - Dept 44: This concern is related to the back strain caused by tilting and removing loaded drums delivered on pallets by the truck department.

AHC 2. HCN Alarm in Pumper Gauger Shack: The concern in this area is that the HCN Alarm can not be heard in the shack and these workers are closest to HCN storage tanks.

3. Brain Tumor Concerns: The committee asked about the status of the brain tumor study and a number of other cancer cases were described. These will be included as a part of the review currently in progress.

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4. Chain Saw Leg Protectors: The concern here is that the leg protectors offered no protection to the upper leg when the operator of the chain saw is stooping or bending his knees. The upper extention of the protector interferes with the proper and safe operation of the saw. (Attention: H. Jackson, A. W. Kuehl, C. M. McCullough)

5. Asbestos Insulation from Styrene Column (16D1): The Concern here is about the Asbestos Insulation that is continuing to fall off the column creating asbestos hazard below. The committee was informed about the plans in progress to scaffold this tower from the ground to the top to make repairs as soon as possible. Meanwhile, alternative interim actions are being explored to prevent additional insulation from falling off the column.

6. Asbestos Insulation on Lines in Department 35F: There are some insulated lines in poor condition and are coming apart. An MRO needs to be issued to repair these lines. (G. L. Berry)

7. Asbestos Gloves: Are they still being issued for use in the plant?

8. What is being done about eliminating the need for respiratory protection in the control house at Dock 2 while loading AN?

9. Can anything be done on a short term basis to reduce the personnel exposure of Acetic Acid vapors when loading barges and tank cars?

10. Can Loss Prevention and Safety check on a news report that three firemen lost their lives due to a gas mask malfunction in some west Texas town? (Lubbock)

11. The committee would like to have a visit from the new plant manager if it can be arranged at the next meeting.

J. A. Glass

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