# **Oregon OSHA** Construction Advisory Committee Tuesday, June 8, 2010

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am Round table introductions

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted and seconded.

Posted Construction Advisory Committee minutes can be found at: <a href="http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/standards/const\_advise.html">http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/standards/const\_advise.html</a>

# Lessons Learned:

Andrew Haymart – Gave a PowerPoint presentation on an incident at a project his company worked on and shared the lessons they learned.

# **Continuing Business:**

Status of rule making – Proposed:

Divisions 2, 3, and 5 - Hexavalent Chromium

Direct final rule from Federal OSHA in the <u>March 17, 2010 Federal Register</u> to revise notification rules in hexavalent chromium. This rulemaking requires employers to notify employees of the results of all exposure determinations regardless of exposure levels. Oregon OSHA proposes to adopt the changes in general industry, construction, and maritime activities. Final adoption will be June 10 and effective June 15, 2010.

Regarding discussion on recycled steel, Dave Holland asked if sampling would have to be done every time they weld, is that reasonable, and what will enforcement be? These questions will be discussed with the IH managers and answers will be brought to the group soon after.

Chris Ottoson stated that the AIHA website has information about sampling on welding processes with different kinds of steel.

#### **Rulemaking under development:**

Division 4 – Various amendments in multiple subdivisions. Includes new crane and hoist requirement, and minor changes in ALH. Two external stakeholder meetings were held.

Division 2/J and 3/J - Confined Space in Construction – Draft language was sent out to external stakeholders in mid-April. The Advisory group met 5 times in 2009. The last meeting was February 19, 2010. A semi-final draft will be sent to the advisory group before the next, and possibly final, meeting.

Division 2/L – Oregon rules for Firefighters - Stakeholders have met twice and will possibly start meeting quarterly concerning a rewrite of OAR 437-002-0182 Oregon Rules for Fire Fighters (excluding paragraph (36) confined space rescue that was adopted in 2009). They have been meeting biannually and the last meeting was in April 2010.

Divisions 2/Q, 3/J, and 4 - Oxygen-fuel gas - Oregon OSHA will continue to work with the Compressed Gas Advisory Committee (convened for acetylene rulemaking) to update and improve Oregon's oxygen-fuel gas rules for welding in general industry and construction. The advisory committee will convene July 8 and will meet on this topic over the next few months.

Division 1 – Penalties Structure – Public forums are scheduled for eight locations around Oregon during June and July. More info on website, <u>www.oroshoa.org/admin/fp/</u>.

Division 3R – Steel Erection – Federal OSHA published a technical amendment in the May 17, 2010 Federal Register. This is a non-mandatory note to 1926.754(a) that provides information regarding existing Federal Highway Administration regulations that may apply to employers engaged in activities covered by OSHA's steel erection standards. Oregon OSHA will soon add the non-mandatory note to 1926.754(a) on the web. Formal rulemaking is not necessary to add the informational note.

#### Fall Protection, Scaffold Guide and Back Up Alarms -

**Fall Protection** –The current fall protection guide is in its final stages with the graphic artist and should be ready soon.

**Scaffold Guide** – The <u>scaffold guidebook</u> is with Ellis Brasch, Oregon OSHA Program Development Specialist, and he is currently adding an Index and Table of Contents and discussion with the internal group is active.

### **Overnight Hospitalizations Report:**

Dianna Gray provided the committee with a summary of three overnight hospitalizations reported to Oregon OSHA field offices during the last month that included the industry, type of injury and the mechanism of injury.

**Uniformity** – Barry Moreland asked what the group though about bringing back the *Uniformity* topic to the agenda. The group decided that the *Roundtable* section can be used to bring up topics or keep discussion ongoing/active during that time.

### Roundtable: -

- Melanie Mesaros Melanie, Public Information Officer with Oregon OSHA, introduced herself to the group. She asked the members to take a look at the June <u>Resource</u> (OR-OSHA newsletter). She handed out a flyer on nominations for GOSH Awards and asked the group for their participation. More information can be found on the <u>GOSH website</u> or on Facebook.
- Chris Ottoson Chris is currently working on a program directive as the Feds have a <u>National Emphasis Program on Hex Chrome</u> effective February 23, 2010.
- Barry Moreland Barry asked if Oregon OSHAs compliance officers would be alerted when they see the required "lead based" signs posted. Oregon OSHA compliance officers must suit up prior to entrance. Chris Ottoson will discuss this topic at the next Health Enforcement Mangers meeting in June. Also, the Association of Equipment Manufacturers has a useful <u>Best Practices</u> <u>Guide for Addressing Buried Hazards</u>.
- Ron Haverkost Ron was asked, regarding powder-actuated fastening systems, if a sign had to be posted? The answer is yes, and follow ANSI A10.3. He suggested to read up on <u>Oregon OSHA's rule</u> which references 1985 standard.
- Andy Haymart Thanked Dianna Gray and Oregon OSHA for ongoing assistance as well as help with his PowerPoint presentation.

Peggy Munsell – Peg read the Feds proposal for Walking-working surfaces and wanted to remind the group that when you train employees, they have to understand what you're delivering to them.
The <u>Penalty Forums</u> and information are listed on the website and anyone can submit questions via the site.
Federal OSHA rule <u>proposal for cranes and derricks</u> is expected to be final in July. There are over 40 sections that Ron Haverkost will be reading and reviewing. Oregon OSHA has 6 months from the Feds final rule date to act.

#### Planning for Agenda and for Next Meeting:

When: Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Where: L&I Conference Room E