

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING
August 7, 2007
L & I Building
Salem, OR

Attendees:

Bob Harris
Peggy Munsell
Dave Parsons
Dede Montgomery
Don Berg
Chris Ottoson

Attendees:

Joan Fraser
Pat Darby
Marilyn Schuster
Tony Barsotti
Bruce Dennis
Dave Kaiser

Attendees:

Ron Haverkost
Bill White

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Announcement:

Dave Parson advised the committee that Joe Miller is retiring and would no longer be a member of this committee.

1. MINUTES OF THE June 5, 2007 MEETING:

The committee agreed unanimously that the minutes be approved as submitted.

Posted Construction Advisory Committee minutes can be found at:
http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osh/standards/const_advise.html

2. OLD BUSINESS:

Status of current rule review:

Peg Munsell gave an overview on the rules currently under review or revision:

Vehicle Rules in Div 2- General Industry and Div 3- Construction- The changes are a reorganization of the existing rules on vehicles, deleting the fire extinguisher requirement, and eliminating the requirement prohibiting drivers under 18 years old with a note added as reference to BOLI.

A public hearing is scheduled for August 29, 2007 9:30 a.m. at Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Div 2 and 3- Silica- As discussed last month, the PEL and the 'Z Tables' are in the process of being updated. Filing in mid-September 2007.

Div 3 K Construction/ Electrical- Working Near High Voltage Line and Equipment was adopted and became effective June 15, 2007.

Div 2 S Electrical -The changes will be final in mid-August 2007.

Div 2 L Fire Extinguishers- Filing deadline August 15, 2007. A hearing will be scheduled to allow for input.

Outreach:

The Committee asked to remove this as a standing item on the agenda.

Health and Safety Issues (global/current):

Legislation:

Marilyn Schuster provided an overview of the bills that survived the 2007 Legislative Session:

HB 2222- Modifies requirement for employer safety committees.

HB 2223- Expands the definition of employer to include successor employers.

SB 479- Prohibits the use of R-type metal halide or mercury vapor light bulbs in schools.

SB 556- Extends the deadline for workplace safety and health citations from 20 to 30 days and extends the period before civil penalty can be recorded as a judgment from 10 days after final order to 20 days after final order.

HB 2022- Requires health care providers (hospitals and outpatient surgical clinics) to address employee assaults.

HB 2259- BOLI, increases time to file retaliation complaint from 30 days to 90 days.

HB 3400- Eliminates the January 1, 2008 sunset on the existing provision that prevents Oregon OSHA from adoption rules requiring fall protection in steel erection below the federal OSHA trigger height.

Training Opportunities:

None discussed

Vehicle Fleet Safety:

(This item was moved to the top of the agenda, Dave Parsons needed to leave the meeting early)

Dave Parson gave an overview of the committee's last meeting and showed the group a rough draft of the Vehicle Fleet Safety pamphlet the committee has been working on with the assistance of Ellis Brasch. The committee discussed having the information in CD as well as online.

Dede Montgomery asked if vehicle idling was brought up in the Vehicle Fleet Safety committee discussion. It had not been part of the discussion. The committee discussed the implications of vehicle idling as it relates to safety and health. Dede Montgomery will forward information regarding vehicle idling to the subcommittee for consideration.

Control Lines in Construction:

Tony Barsotti reported that the committee is changing its name to *Warning Lines in Construction*. Tony gave an overview of the committee's last meeting and provided a copy of the minutes. He shared that the committee is working on developing a sign and a brochure; two ideas discussed were a tri-fold pamphlet and a fact sheet with the warning sign on the back. Ron Haverkost showed the group a draft of the signage being considered.

Letter of Interpretations (1/9/06 Steel Erection):

Ron Haverkost gave an overview of some research he was doing regarding the previous interpretation and is working on clarification of the requirements. The committee asked that this agenda topic stay on the agenda until resolved

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Health & Safety Issues (global/current):

Tony Barsotti talked about an online newsletter called Safety Soapbox that posts information about recent workplace accidents/deaths and the lessons to be learned from those accidents. Tony provided the committee with the link below to access the Safety Soapbox Newsletters.

http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/WorkSafe/Home/Safety+and+Prevention/Your+Industry/Construction/About+the+industry/Safety+Soapbox/D_Safety+Soapbox?zz=1&a=Construction&p=Popular

Bob Harris asked if anyone had heard about the accident the previous day involving four painters in the Portland area. No one had heard anything.

Uniformity Issues:

Nothing to discuss.

ANSI Z 359.1 Fall Protection

Pat Darby talked about a change to the fall protection requirements under ANSI Z359.1 specifically strength of snaphooks. Tony Barsotti talked about the Z359 meetings and the best practices rather than changes to the regulatory standard.

Bill White mentioned the next ASSE meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. and the topic is Fall Protection.

Open Forum:

Pat Darby brought up a previous request he had made regarding a fact sheet or alternative format on confined space entry addressing a confined space incident involving contractors and fire fighter rescue in eastern Oregon. Marilyn reported that OSHA is moving forward with proposed fire fighter confined space rules and suggested putting summary information in the fall, Construction Depot.

Pat talked about some styles of quick couplers and the committee discussed training opportunities related to the different styles of quick couplers.

Program Directive A258 for Portland Cement is complete. The committee had a lengthy discussion regarding Portland cement exposure, risk assessment, and what it means for contractors. Chris Ottoson agreed to talk with his IH people regarding what data is available and report back at the next meeting. Per the committee, *Hexavalent Chromium* will be a standing agenda topic.

Dave Kaiser brought up that he wants to revisit the permanent anchor issue with BCD. Tony said that he is in favor of revisiting commercial permanent anchors. Both Dave and Tony will solicit others for interest for this issue. This item will be added to the October agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, at 9 a.m. in the L&I Building, Room B.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda E. Rabe