

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 5, 2008
9:00 – 11:00 AM

Meeting minutes

Attendees:

Andy	Dede Montgomery	Tony Howard
Pat Darby	Chris Ottoson	Don Berg
Chad Harvey	Peggy Munsell	Bob Harris
Michael Wood	Dave Parsons	Dave Kaiser – Chair
Marilyn Schuster	Ellis Brasch	Tony Barsotti
Ron Haverkost	Barry Moreland	

Call to Order 9:00 a.m.

Introductions

Review minutes:

Dave Parsons motioned to accept meeting minutes for February 2008. Bruce Roller seconded the motion. All members were in Favor.

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

➤ **Status of current rule review- Peggy Munsell**

- Peggy gave an overview of rulemaking activity.
- PPE- Oregon
- Silica – Closed February 4. OR-OSHA received a number of comments and will be evaluating them in the next few days.
- Confined Space in Construction
Chad asked if Oregon OSHA has reviewed the federal confined space in construction rules. OR-OSHA has looked at them. We are looking into developing rules of our own in construction and reevaluating general industry for 2008. Peggy handed out the new [Construction Depot](#) and a BNA article that discusses the confined space changes.
- Warm Water Definition in Sanitation –
The committee had a long discussion regarding the sanitation requirements for Construction. There have been some recent incidents where the MRSA virus has been contracted in the construction environment.
Dede Montgomery has posted information around MRSA on the website and suggests that an education focus be placed on this issue.
Peggy shared with the committee that the CDC Requirements and ANSI Standards do not define warm water. She shared an article that defines warm water as 90-98 degrees

Fahrenheit. The article also states that hot water for handwashing has not been proven to have an added anti-microbial effect.

There was a question as to whether hand sanitizers could be used to meet the requirement for warm water/soap washing facilities. No – the statute and our rule requires warm water.

437-003-0020 Toilets. *In addition to and not in lieu of any provisions in 26 CFR 1926.51(c):(1) At the site of every project with an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 or more, the employer or owner of such place of employment shall provide flush toilet facilities in accordance with subparagraph (1) of 29 CFR 1926.51(c) and washing facilities which include wash basins, warm water and soap.*

Tony Barsotti expressed a concern about the construction standard not having requirements for washing facilities for projects less the \$1,000,000. The hazards are the same. He also asked if compliance officers were addressing warm water issues when they inspect sites where warm water is required. Bob Harris said he would like to see the threshold for flushable toilets raised and the threshold for warm water (or sanitation) lowered.

Michael wood said that Oregon OSHA could emphasize the importance of warm water when enforcement activities are taking place, possibly publish an emphasis directive and will continue to respond to complaints regarding sanitation in construction. He indicated that we would consider hand washing facility rulemaking activity.

This issue to be left on the agenda.

Click here for current rulemaking activity:

[Adopted Rules](#)

[Proposed Rules](#)

➤ **Health & Safety Issues (Global/current)**

- Construction Depot – Articles/Topics - Ellis
Ellis asked the committee to submit topic suggestions for the next issue of the Construction Depot. If you have any ideas please send them to him by April 1st. The Depot is targeted to be published April 25th. Ellis also asked Michael Wood to contribute an article.
- Diffusion of Information (DOI) – Tony Barsotti
The committee met on February 1, 2008 and developed a generic game plan for distributing information. The committee shared the minutes from the meeting. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.
- Permanent anchorx- Dave Kaiser
The committee met and had good discussions. There are eight new members. The committee reviewed the process and a history of experience that the committee has been through so far. They discussed and developed a structure for future progress. The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2008 at Chad Harvey's office.
- CROET June Conference Update Motor Vehicle Safety – Dede Montgomery
Dede asked the advisory committee members for their thoughts on topics for the

upcoming conference in June. So far the topics will include: Fatigue, Younger Driver, Distracted Driver, and Training Sustainability. Topic suggestions are welcome. Dede asked this item be removed from the agenda.

- Lessons Learned

Chad Harvey reported an incident where machine operators were changing tool attachments on a loader. They were having trouble attaching the piece of equipment. The loader was shut down, they reached in and the pin shot up. There is a four second delay and the employee lost the end of his middle finger.

➤ **Open Forum**

- Webinar Discussion Continued - Ellis

Ellis informed the committee of his efforts to have Webinar options available. There is a meeting scheduled with Ellis, Marilyn Schuster, and DCBS's Information Management Division to discuss what the options are for proceeding.

Tony Barsotti – The use of metal studs as fall protection to prevent exposures to falls. Tony asked if this type of system provides sufficient means of fall protection. The committee agreed that if the system was secured properly then the wall is in compliance.

Meeting adjourned

2008 Meetings: (Note Room Change for 2008 Meetings)

Tuesday, March 4, 2008 – AGC Boardroom (9450 SW Commerce Circle, Suite 200 Wilsonville)

Tuesday, April 1, 2008 – Room 1B – First Floor

Tuesday, May 6, 2008 – Room B

Tuesday, June 3, 2008 - AGC Boardroom (9450 SW Commerce Circle, Suite 200 Wilsonville)

Tuesday, July 1, 2008 – Room B

Tuesday, August 5, 2008 – Room B

Tuesday, September 2, 2008 - AGC Boardroom (9450 SW Commerce Circle, Suite 200 Wilsonville)

Tuesday, October 7, 2008 – Room B

Tuesday, November 4, 2008 – Room B

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 – AGC Boardroom (9450 SW Commerce Circle, Suite 200 Wilsonville)