

Oregon OSHA

Construction Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 03, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Andrew Haymart
Andy Collin
Barbara Belcher
Barry Moreland
Chad Harvey
Dan Freeburg
Dave Kaiser

Dave Parsons
David Davidson
Dede Montgomery
Eric Anderson
Ken Redifer
Kim Rhodes
Lupe Ponce
Marilyn Schuster

Michael Wood
Mike Martini
Peggy Munsell
Ron Haverkost
Tony Howard
Trena Van De Hey
Sarah McGovern (scribe)

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am
Introductions

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and approved with the correction of deletion of the 2nd Dave Davidson, Motion to approve and seconded.

Posted Construction Advisory Committee minutes can be found at:

http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/standards/const_advice.html

Continuing Business:

Status of current rule activity - http://www.orosha.org/rules_laws.html. We are getting ready to propose a bailing standard; Ron has some changes to division 2 General Industry on overhead power lines, and rules for elevated platforms. The construction portion is not affected at this time.

Confined space in construction- Dave McLaughlin assures us that we will have a draft in the next month or so. Once we have the draft it is suggested that the confined space advisory committee meet again.

Permanent Anchor – This group met last week and talked thru the process and what they are going to be doing. They will be starting on a document that they will put out for people who are interested in the process. Ultimately, it will be a document to hand out to people who are interested explaining why it is an appropriate action. There was a suggestion to not focus as much on the political side and more on the technical side. The time table is that by July 2009 they will be presenting this to the structural building codes and proposing the change. It is moving forward and we are working with the technical section and receiving input on this process. The next meeting is the last Wed of the February at Tony's office on Swan Island, anyone is welcome. Dave Kaiser's cell 541-912-6283. If you have any contacts, please share them.

Health and safety issues

Steel erection program directive – No draft was sent out. One will be sent out this month and will be on the agenda next time.

Fall protection: Rebar curtain/Formwork – OR-OSHA fall protection rule requires protection at 10 feet, whereas the federal rule allows climbing rebar up to 24 feet. There is a construction depot article that provides an interpretation similar to Federal OSHA. Usually walls are pre-tied and then flown into place. Sometimes, you do have to build up the wall as you go. As long as there are two people sometimes that is the safest way to build a wall. It would be a good thing to fall back on when you couldn't use a yo-yo or a lift. Federal OSHA has it for a reason, it does have its application, but most of the time there are safer ways to do it. What would be the best practices for this rule, when a lift is not available? An earlier version of the fall protection guide included this interpretation, but again it was excluded when the guide was rewritten. Do we want to include this in the fall protection guide? The document is not in existence except in the Construction Depot article. It was agreed that they would like to see it included and a letter of interpretation. Everyone agrees sometimes you can't fly in the wall, or something is impeding the crane or you can't get into the area.

Best practice is if there is room, build it on the ground and fly it in. If there isn't room, than build it in place.

There was unanimous agreement that OR-OSHA should adopt an interpretation for climbing rebar curtains and formwork identical to Federal OSHA.

Safety Tip of the Month:

Use "What if" and "what's the worst that could happen" questions and prepare for those situations.

Round table:

Ron - We do have a fact sheet on warning lines it says that you should add a 10 ft distance back from the edge. The warning line system was designed for the roofing. It can also be used for the other systems. You can use them, as long as you think about the best practices and it is used for a warning line.

*****November Meeting rescheduled from Nov. 3 to Nov. 10.**

Next Meeting:

**March 3, 2009
AGC Boardroom
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