

Oregon OSHA

Construction Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 04, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Good	Gary Beck	Mark Tobiasson
Barry Moreland	Ian Chase	Mary Lou Wilson
Brian Silbernagel	Jeff Wilson	Melissa Diede
Bruce Roller	Jill McConnell	Paul McDonald
Chris Miller	Ken Semore	Peg Munsell
Chuck Lemon	Kevin Wheatcroft	Ron Haverkost
Demetra Star	Marilyn Schuster	Tony Barsotti
	Mark Hillyard	Tony Howard

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Mark Tobiasson.
Introductions were made

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were approved with no changes.

Posted Construction Advisory Committee minutes can be found at:

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

Lessons Learned:

An email was sent out to the committee from Corey Hancock regarding using a 12 volt battery charger to charge a 24 volt battery (they experienced a near miss). The group discussed different scenarios and experiences. Ensure there is proper training before using and hooking up a charger.

Mark brought up the disposal of aerosol/spray cans. It is a DEQ issue but Peg will research to see if OSHA addresses it. There is a tool that Safety Clean has where you can puncture the can and then recycle. You should refer to the MSDS for proper disposal. Here is information from DEQ on management of aerosol cans:

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/pubs/docs/hw/Policy/HWGuidance2005PO001.pdf>.

Mark shared an incident that happened due to complacency. A contractor was removing part of a concrete slab. When performing a GPR they found “something”. In most cases, this turns out to be a piece of rebar and it was assumed to be rebar due to location, etc. of the item. It turned out to be a 480 volt power line. This could have resulted in serious injury and damage to the customer’s electrical system.

Discussed a situation where ice had formed on a tower crane. Instead of using proper methods to eliminate the ice, the operator chose to ram the 12,000lb bucket/hoist mechanism on the trolley

rail to break the ice off the rail. It resulted in the bucket being displaced and almost coming off the jib and in costly downtime and repair. Brian emphasized the importance of including the crane operator in on- site inspections and in making sure maintenance logs are completed. Brian will share information next month on manufacturing recommendations.

Continuing Business:

Status of rule making – Rulemaking updates can be found at:

<http://www.orosha.org/pdf/rules/2014development.pdf>

Confined Space Entry –

The next meeting is scheduled for 2/11/2014 from 9 am – 12 pm at the PGE Building. An updated draft rule was emailed out and will be reviewed at the meeting.

Oregon OSHA will allow employers to comply with either the state-initiated rule or the federal rule until revisions to the state-initiated rule are finalized. The final rule will not include any requirements that are more stringent than those in the current Oregon rule. (Link to the [confined space meeting minutes](#).)

Oxy-fuel gas – Divisions 2/H, 2/Q, 3/F, and 3/J.

Work to update and improve Oregon’s oxygen-fuel gas rules for welding in general industry and construction is still underway. Major topics of possible change being discussed are:

- Installation of reverse flow check valves
- Installation of flashback arrestors
- Drop and/or leak testing prior to use of equipment
- Limiting the practice of cracking to oxygen cylinders only
- Training and documentation of training requirements

The advisory group will meet again in the coming months to discuss the final draft. ([Compressed Gas Advisory Committee](#)).

Monthly Overnight Hospitalizations & Fatalities Report

Ron Haverkost reviewed recent overnight hospitalizations and fatalities and discussed some of them in detail.

Jeff Wilson spoke on the fatality that occurred in La Grande a few months back. The employee was not wearing a harness when he fell about 23 feet. He was found on a river rock area and had hit his head. The employee was an experienced journeyman/carpenter. His gear was on-site but not being used.

Barry brought up a question related to the requirements for electricians working on electrical energy sources. A discussion of the Lockout/Tagout rules –vs – rules specifically for electricians in construction and fixed industry found in Sub part K in Division 3 and Sub part S in Division 2. Jeff will follow up and verify the correct rules that would apply with Barry.

Roundtable:

Tony Barsotti – A company installed cooling towers that have a shroud 15 inches in diameter. The fan blades are just inside the shroud. In machine guarding, does it need to be covered? Does the 7ft rule come into play? The company can ask for a tech assist from OR-OSHA and/or check with the manufacturer.

Jeff Wilson – Continuation of last month's discussion on Oregon OSHA's fact sheet, *Using warning lines: Construction industry best practices*. Jeff had received comments that the terms "warning lines" and "best practices" cause confusion. The group had no concerns and many find it useful. The document will remain as is.

Peg Munsell – There is a new [fact sheet on ladders](#) (English and Spanish). Check it out!

Mark Tobiasson – The AGC Safety & Health Council's next meeting is scheduled for February 21 at the NW College of Construction with the meeting topic being Best Practices (CCB credits available). Click to [register](#)!

Bruce Roller – Has some concerns on the project being done in Woodburn. He has witnessed employees crossing I-5 to get to/from median. Kevin with AGC will speak to them.

Next Meeting:

When: Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: AGC Office, Wilsonville