National Occupational Safety, Health And Environmental Compliance Committee (OSHECCOM) Meeting Minutes

The 1st National OSHECCOM Meeting was held in Washington, DC, on July 9. This initial meeting was an orientation/training session for the committee members. The following is an overview of the meeting:

OSHECCOM members in attendance:

Louise Maillet - API-1
David Canoles, ATX-1
Maryalice Locke, AEE-200
George Darrough - PASS Union Rep (AFS)
Keith Messina, PASS Union Rep (AAF)
Tony Becker, AEA RPMES
Suzanne Pellosmaa, NAATS Union Rep
Ray Thoman - AHR-25
Donald Parker, NAGE Union Rep
Jeanne Kosch, AEE-200
Jon Jordan, AAM-1
Bill Kansier, ANS-500
Alan Gershin, AEA SMO
Donald Oliveria, NATCA Union Rep

Members not represented:

ARA, AGC, ARP, AFS

Guests:

James D Erickson, AEE-1
Gary Ridgway, OSHECCOM Coordinator, AEE-200
Jackie Minnow, AEE-200
Sue Green, AEE-200
Michael D. Jones, ANM-300
Susan Tsui, Exec Counsel to NATCA

The meeting was opened by Gary Ridgway and followed with opening remarks by Louise Maillet. Louise welcomed everyone and then emphasized the level of commitment by the Administrator and the Management Board to the OSH program and the OSHECCOM. Gary Ridgway provided a training/orientation session for committee members. A copy of the training outline is attached.

NOTE: Since officers were not elected, Gary assumed facilitator duties at this meeting.

Areas Gary covered included:

- Overview of the Federal and FAA OSH Programs
- Basic Federal Legislation, Regulations, and current FAA policy on Occupational Safety & Health
- OSHECCOM Charter

- National OSH Committee Duties
- Issues regarding the FAA OSH program
    - Workers' Compensation
        - FY 1995--$79M spent by FAA of which $58M is long term compensation
    - ATCT egress and modification
        - $120M in tower upgrades
    - OSHA relationship
        - Currently rocky at HQ level, regional offices vary
    - Hearing loss
        - Mostly AAF employees—aging population and no baseline data
    - Acquisition reform

    - Asbestos Management

Questions & Comments:

Who is responsible to ensure that regions have OSHECCOM meetings?

Supposed to be a designated regional S&H official, however, generally ends up being the RPMES.

How many regional committees have been established, and will training be provided for all regional members?

Technical Center, Alaska, and the Southwest regions have committees. The other regions and center have not reported as having formed committees yet. Apparently, some lines of business are not acknowledging the March 18 memorandum signed by the Administrator regarding the establishment of the OSHECCOM, which spells out the regional responsibilities for establishing committees. Bill Kansier will send a letter from ATS to AF and AT, Bill also suggested James Erickson contact Peggy Gillian and ask them to send out another letter from the Administrator.

What causes an unannounced OSHA inspections?

Unannounced inspections are usually the result of employee complaint. Once the OSHECCOM has been certified by OSHA FAA will be protected from unannounced inspection.

Who is responsible to ensure that committee members are trained?

Once the regional committees are established it is the responsibility of the regional committee chairperson to see all committee members are trained. Training will be provided within 6 months of appointment in accordance with 29 CFR 1960.58.

Don Parker asked several questions regarding the Hazmat Training Committee.

Bill Kansier responded since the training committee is the ANS-500's responsibility. He announced that Cheryl Mazella was the Program Manager for Training and would be looking at the makeup and overall function of the committee. There are duplicate training efforts in various regions and we are looking to do better.

The need for a point of contact (POC) for all committees—national as well as regional to ensure that responsibilities of OSHECCOM are met.

Each committee will have a chairperson who is the main POC on the committee. Regional chairs are the logical POC for questions from the field. The national committee chairperson would be POC for issue- related questions, the OSHECCOM coordinator is available for procedure questions

Length of meetings:

A suggestion was made that more time is needed in these meetings to get everyone familiar with at least the OSHECCOM Charter, guidelines and action items. Requested that the next meeting be at least one day. Problem: at the National level it is difficult to block time in upper management.

Next meeting:

Date of next meeting will be sometime in October. OSHECCOM members will be polled with the option of several dates.

Topics of next meeting:

- Roles of environmental compliance in the OSHECCOM
- Review of the Charter
- Future training topics - ECAP/OSHCAP