

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE GROUP (IHG)

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, February 14th, 11 AM – 2:30 PM
CAER OFFICE, MARINTEZ

Topics

Discussion

Introductions, Sign-in, CAER Administrative Issues

- Attendees: Dave Matthews (Valero), Ken Smith (Retired DHS), Larry Bellani (EHSS), Mike Spangler (Benicia Fab), Pat Owens (Shell), Laurie Cullom (Conoco Phillips), Charles Brantley (Tesoro), Peter Jaramillo (RCC)
- Dave handed out the ABIH points letter for 2008.
- The Officers changed with Pat taking over from Laurie, Dave volunteered to be Co-Chair, but Pat would first ask Chevron's Pete Sarmicanic if he would like to volunteer.
- Next meeting scheduled for April 10th, 2008. Tentative location is CAER Conference Room in Martinez.

CAER IHG Project

- The group discussed ideas for a 2008 CAER-sponsored IHG Project. The consensus was to further discuss performing ambient/background air sampling. There was to be further discussion as to materials to sample for, timing of samples, and location of samples. Pat would discuss the idea with CAER and others prior to next meeting.

Pre-lunch Discussion

- Dave mentioned recently revised California Department of Health Services, Radiologic Health Branch regulations pertaining to reporting to state annually (even general licensees).
- Dave spoke about the Cal/OSHA VPP work he has been involved in.
- Dave mentioned fed/osha's January 2008 hex chrome inspection / enforcement guideline and it's comments on skin protection for welding fumes containing hex chrome.
- Mike spoke of air sampling inside and outside welding helmets and ratio of fume concentrations.
- Other items discussed: IARC monograph published on rotating shifts and cancer, AB 515 (cal/osha PEL changes), CIHC legislative report for 2007 (manganese)

Lunch Discussion – Aging Workforce

- Peter presented the topic aging of the workforce: ergonomic, lifestyle, and H/S issues. Presented statistics of population working, common health issues, solutions, trends related to this older worker population, etc. Among many other issues discussed was eye disorders (lens and UV exposure), lighting levels, and prescription eyewear.
- The group discussed various aspects, personal experiences, of managing aging workers within our own workplace.

Miscellany

- Charles presented radiation gauge information for Tesoro's new Delayed Coker drums. There were interesting scenario's associated with the higher sources anticipated for these drums.
- The group discussed various tank operation and maintenance incidents; sunk roofs, slop oil spill, flash fire to weldor, etc. Also discussed recent air quality district requirement to perform ambient air sampling up and downwind of facility with a spill.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2007. Tentative location is the CAER Conference Room (Martinez). Send any agenda topics to Patrick.Owens@shell.com.