

## M91-01 Safety Committee Meeting

Date: Sept. 25, 2007

Location: Best Western 7 Oaks - Regina

Present:

Chris Budzich – AMC - Safety	Marty Cobb – AMC – Safety
Harold Garner- Brandt Ag.	Irene Cruson – Dutch Industries
Barclay Tanner – Batco	Willard Yaremenko – Leons Mfg.
Bill Glanville - Bourgault Ind.	Al Roschuk – AMC - Safety
Bruce Frank – Trailtech	Ken Kostyniuk - Rite Way Man.
Ricketts - AMC-Safety	Jamie Pegg – Honeybee
Cathy Glasser – Westeel Regina	Sean Kapell – Wheatheart
Marv Janson – Doepker Ind.	Glenna Stewart – Degelman Ind.

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### Pre-meeting Agenda

1. CASH program and Legislation update – Chris Budzich
  2. Prove It– Ken Ricketts
  3. Lunch (supplied by AMC)
  4. Safeguarding presentation – Al Roschuk
  5. Questions and concerns / round table – Chris Budzich
  6. Adjournment
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1. Meeting was opened with greetings by Chris Budzich
  2. Introductions were made around the table with changes to the agenda
  3. Update on the CASH Program and other AMC Programs – Chris Budzich

The CASH Program Audit is now available on the AMC website ([www.a-m-c.ca](http://www.a-m-c.ca)) and can be downloaded to be printed or used electronically (automated scoring). Simply click on the Safety Programs in the banner and then on the CASH Program Audit.

Question: Is it wise to do a CASH audit soon?

Answer: If the Member wants to be able to pass the audit prior to the period when incentives are offered it would be wise to be audited ASAP. You will not have to re-audited if you have passed the CASH audit within the three years prior to the introduction of financial incentives.

AMC is developing courses to assist the Members to be ready to pass an audit. A Safety Management System, Industrial Ergonomics, and, Internal Auditor course are currently in development. They will be delivered centrally (i.e. Saskatoon and/or Regina) along with our Train the Trainer (Overhead Crane, Forklift, WHMIS, etc.) courses and of a similar length. Site specific training (i.e. forklift, etc.) will still be offered also.

The comments made at the previous M91-01 meeting and those forwarded to the AMC office were addressed. The business plan for the CASH program has been approved by WCB along with the AMC Safety 2008 Strategic plan. Discussions at WCB also involved the aspect of conflict of interest for the AMC safety advisors. The time needed for the audits, etc. will generally be the days that are being “re-captured” as we train more WHMIS, forklift and Overhead crane trainers.

WCB is comfortable with the advisors advising / consulting (i.e. not actually performing the work) and then auditing the same firm. Incentives are definitely on the table and will come from WCB general revenues. However more industries will need to get onboard before that happens. AMC and other members of the Joint Industry Committee are assisting other industries to get up to speed.

WCB has requested that some of their staff accompany AMC personnel on audits when possible. The purpose is to help the WCB staff understand the M9101 Member’s businesses and the amount of work the audited firm has put into their safety program. WCB staff will only accompany AMC personnel with prior approval from the firm that is being audited.

### **Legislation update:**

Chris Budzich presented an overview of what the upcoming changes to Legislation will mean for M9101 firms. Key items are; that fall arrest equipment and training is mandatory for workers using aerial lifts; all powered mobile equipment requires training; all staff who require respiratory protection must be fit tested by a competent person (AMC will be providing trainer testing for this) and that record of the fit testing is mandatory.

A copy of the Power Point presentation is available upon request.

### **Guarding**

Al Roschuk presented an update on machine guarding. A copy of the Power Point presentation is attached.

### **Prove it**

Ken Ricketts explained how to prove due diligence as well as the how and why of passing an audit. A copy of the Power Point presentation is attached.

### **Round table**

A number of Members expressed their frustration with the medical industry, specifically Dr.s who either doesn't fill in the required forms, or, Dr.s who signs for days off without even looking at the available modified duty lists. Their suggestion was that WCB should be more aggressive (i.e. don't pay them) in making the Dr.s become part of the solution. Another WCB issue was how will our aging population and their pre-existing conditions play out in the future?

A question about Safety Alerts indicated that most people would prefer email alerts rather than having to check the website. Even a message that indicated there was a new alert and suggesting that they visit the AMC website would be appreciated.

Next meeting is planned for December 4, 2007 in Regina.