



## ABC Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

11:00 AM, ABC Office

### In Attendance:

Terry Nadir- Teal Construction  
Mark Jumper- Performance Contractors  
Mark Hernandez- OSHA  
Rhonda Mitchell- Aggregate  
Scott Oliver- D.E. Harvey  
Gary Grant- Accurate Comfort Systems USA  
Jimm Cooper- Ref Chem  
Dale Dirkes- Oxford Builders  
Kevin Lester- Veolia ES Industrial Services  
John Luna- ISC  
William Sciba- E.E. Reed  
Robert Mitchell- Travelers  
Brain Redmond- Jacobs

Mike Abshire- Fugro Consultants  
Keith Liggett- C & A  
Amanda Burk- ABC  
Sonny Covington- Dean & Draper  
Ralph Riley- S & B  
John Brightwell- Austin Industrial  
Pat Cook- Mobley Industrial Services  
Sonny Covington- Dean & Draper  
Donald Thomas- Safway Services  
Adriana Saucedo- Staff Unlimited  
Bryan Thomas- Polk Mechanical  
Ed Harrington- Polk Mechanical

Meeting was called to order and November minutes were approved.

### Company Incident Reports/Best Practices

- The committee discussed Company incident reports:
  - Committee discussed and consented that manpower has dramatically decreased due to the economic recession. With that being said, committee members have the most experienced workers on the job which has led to an impressive decrease in incidents.
  - Ref-Chem→ Air compressor fell off the back of a trailer in the Washburn tunnel; no one was injured, but led company to change cuppers and hooks on all company trailers.
  - Polk Mechanical → Will be celebrating 2 years of complete safety in March (Way to go Polk Mechanical!!!).
  - Dean & Draper→Client bungeed two ladders together to reach his area of work. Worker proceeded to climb when ladder collapsed in middle resulting in a broken neck. Worker is now in wheelchair
  - Fugro Consultants→ There was a near miss at the Motive site. Worker was driving a company check and noticed engine was making funny noises. Man ignored the sounds and later it was discovered that there was a foreign object that almost affected the drive shaft.
  - Veolia→Received 2 STAR certifications for 2 different jobsites (You know what it takes to be safe)!!
  - Accurate Comfort Systems→ Celebrated with having only one incident in 2009.
  - D.E. Harvey Builders→ Celebrating being accident free for two months (Woohoo!!).
  - Teal→ Company is in third year of being accident free (Terry knows all about PPE!!!).

### OSHA Update

- Spanish Language Training→ OSHA is now offering Spanish training for the following OSHA courses: SLO510, SLO730, SLO745, SLO123, SLO710 and SLO715.
- Safety Conference for Texas→ Will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. ABC will have a booth but would like to have some volunteers from the committee to attend as well.
- National Latino Safety Summit→ Will be held at the Hilton on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Old Business:

- Safety Survey Update→ Final draft of safety survey has been finished. The Gulf Coast Safety institute confirmed that they will not pay for the distribution of the survey. Committee consented to trying to find another method of distributing the survey. **Action Item**→ Adriana will speak to a professor/friend who specializes in statistics to see if graduate students would be able to perform the necessary actions for distribution and tallying of results for survey.

- Safety Website→ Website is still up to date and running. **Action Item**→Committee consented to try and put testimonials, via video, from committee members on the website. Amanda will work with ABC staff to see if the idea is manageable and will report back to the committee.
- Specialty Contractor Subcommittee→ Subcommittee has been accepted by the committee. The subcommittee will be meeting on a regular basis in order to get more subcontractors in the monthly safety meetings. **Action Item**→ Subcommittee members include: Ralph Riley, Mark Jumper, Sonny Covington and Adriana Saucedo.
- Discuss Action Item for Safety Manual→ Committee will keep on marketing the manual as well as ABC. December 2010 will be when the manual needs to be updated.

**New Business:**

- Set Committee Goals for 2010→ The current goals are going to be reviewed and reset at the next meeting. The following committee members will review the goals prior to the next meeting: Jimm Cooper, Mark Jumper and Ed Harrington.
- Set Agenda Items for Next Meeting→
  - Status of 2010 goals
  - Review 2010 STEP Application
  - Report from Subcontractor Recruitment Subcommittee

**Next Meeting will be Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the ABC Office at 11:00am**