



American Maritime Modernization Association, Inc.

Subject: AMMA Safety Committee Monthly Meeting held @ 1:00 pm on Wednesday, 20 November, 2013. Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

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A. Opening Administrative Remarks and Attendee Introductions:

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B. Old Business:

- 16 October, 2013 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.
- AMMA's website has been revised. Please visit it and give Wally feedback. You need a company user name and password. Let Wally know if you need one.

C. Topics for Discussion

- November 14, 2013 VSRA Safety Meeting Highlights.
 - i. The VSRA Online Safety Orientation is going through its annual review. Should be revised by the end of the year.
 - ii. About 5600 people have taken the Work Authorization Form (WAF) training.
 - iii. There was one safety suggestion for the 3rd quarter, so that was the winner. It was a portable stanchion used on barges.
 - iv. The annual Safety & Health Seminar was held on October 23rd at the Ted Constant Convocation Center at ODU. The theme this year was "Home Safe –not just for baseball."
 - v. The NAVSEA Standard Items Review Committee is making slow but steady progress.
 - vi. On September 12, 2013, OSHA issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Silica. It is very early in the rulemaking process, but it is proposed that silica be handled similar to heavy metals in paint, with sample testing, air monitoring, and dust controls. Here is an OSHA Fact Sheet: https://www.osha.gov/silica/factsheets/OSHA_FS-3682_Silica_GIM.html.

- vii. The next meeting is December 12, 2013.
- November 13, 2013 VSRA/OSHA Partnership Meeting Highlights
 - i. No new members in the last three months. Holding steady at 29 members.
 - ii. Another lengthy discussion about I2P2 (Injury and Illness Prevention Plan.) Shane Bangert (East Coast Fab & Repair), Tom Binner (BAE) and Angelo Costa (OSHA Area Director) will work on this and have a draft for the February 2014 meeting.
 - iii. It was reported earlier that there was a heat-related fatality on July 5, 2013 at Norfolk Naval Operations Base onboard the USS Nitze (DDG-94), an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer. A 26 year old temporary worker for a deck repair company was working topside, fainted, and never regained consciousness. The OSHA investigation is complete and both the temp agency and the deck repair company were cited. There is not a heat-related standard, only a guideline, so the General Duty Clause of maintaining a work environment free of recognized hazards was invoked. Each company was fined \$7000.
 - One key learning was that companies that hire temporary workers are responsible for those temporary workers, including proper safety training.
 - iv. There is a proposed new OSHA rule on tracking and reporting workplace injuries. Currently, all that is required is to maintain a log. No submittals are required. The proposed new rule will require companies with more than 250 employees to submit quarterly reports. Details are in this link:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25047
 - v. Bill Crow, VSRA President wants to have a “Bring your boss to the meeting meeting.” Maybe the May 2014 meeting.
 - vi. The next meeting is February 19, 2014.
- AMMA General Membership Meeting Highlights
 - i. Membership status
 - ii. Website report- verified member s knew of new access
 - iii. Safety Report
 - iv. Honor Donations
 - v. NSSA electrical safety

- Guest Speaker future meeting topics
 - i. OSHA Safety Training Requirements
 - ii. Shop Equipment Wiring
 - iii. Machine Guarding
 - iv. VOC Reporting Requirements
 - v. Temporary Workers
 - vi. Shipboard Electrical Safety and NES 300 changes
 - vii. Safety pierside requirements, especially submarines

D. New Business

- FY14 Standard Item Review. Wally reviewed proposed changes to 009-06, 009-07, and 009-08. There were no additional comments from the members attending.
- Reminder that the revised Globally Harmonized Standard has a training requirement due on December 1, 2013 for the new labeling and Safety Data Sheet requirements.

E. Open Discussion: Input from members attending

- Lessons Learned
 - i. BAE Systems is clamping down on safety tags on portable electrical tools.
 - ii. Electrical components and cabling onboard CVN-69 (USS Eisenhower) have tested positive for asbestos and negative for PCB, so far. Reminder to all to familiarize yourself with the requirements of 009-10 and 009-65 prior to conducting electrical work.
 - iii. Reminder that the cleaning of paint off of fasteners (nuts, bolts, washers, etc.) other items removed from the ships for reuse may require heavy metal testing and potential abatement.
- Recent Injuries/Illnesses. Nothing reported.

Next Regular Meeting: There will be no meeting in December. The next safety committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 15, 2014** at 1:00 pm at QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.