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**Subject:** AMMA Safety Committee Monthly Meeting held @ 1:00 pm on Wednesday, 15 April, 2015. Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

**Location:** QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

**Call In:** We now have a conference call number for those members that cannot physically make it to the meeting.

- Conference call number: 1-605-475-5900
- Conference code: 2672299#

Please take note that the call in number is NOT a toll free number, long distance charges may apply with your telephone service provider if you do not have free long distance on your plan.

**A. Opening Administrative Remarks and Attendee Introductions:**

Wally Finn	Epsilon Systems
Jason Kjos	Epsilon Systems
Shawn Chausee	Phoenix Group
Tom Craddock	Delphinus
Joseph Yurso	QED
Jolean Halford	QED
Ron Richards	QED
Bart Morrison	Serco, Inc.
Dan Beiler	Serco, Inc.
Eric Strickland	AIT
Ólisa Moyer	AECOM
Wayne Watson	LPI Technical
(No call-ins)	

**B. Old Business:**

- 18 March, 2015 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**C. Topics for Discussion**

- 9 April, 2015 VSRA Safety Meeting Highlights:
  - Frank Wheatley discussed requirements to have plans for Mobile and Fixed tank pumping facilities.
  - Discussed the requirement to turn-in 009-02 Reports to NAVSTA Norfolk.
  - Discussed Senate Bill 811 (Chemical Storage).
  - Discussed the sampling of mud for environmental study.
  - Discussed an award that GD NASSCO received.
  - Discussed a safety suggestion to have a fire watch use a broom to communicate to the hot worker by tapping the ceiling, etc. Broom could also be used to clean after the job is complete. Voted “Not Valid” by members in attendance.
  - Discussed the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for SDS/GHS requirements.

- viii. Discussed 009-28 requirements to provide drawings for Temporary Services.
  - ix. Discussed Safety Walk-Thru Training by Signal. It will take place on 29 April, 2015 at the Marriott in Norfolk. Free parking and lunch. Signal is looking at putting together another class since there is so much participation.
  - x. Discussed PAI forms and requirements, the differences between the forms for different shipyards and companies, and the need to fill them out properly.
  - xi. Discussed the need to provide enough bags for clean respirator use. OSHA Citations are being given!
  - xii. Discussed the requirements for providing shielding from light damage by people passing –by the work areas when welding, etc.
  - xiii. Discussed upcoming OSHA classes. Looking at having 5400/5410 classes in July, and 5402 in June in Virginia Beach. Details to follow once dates are set.
  - xiv. Discussed the VSRA WAF training material timeline being pushed to the right by about 1 week.
  - xv. Discussed the next meeting for the Symposium Committee that will be held on 23 April at 8:00am at VSRA Office, Multipurpose Room, 150 Boush Street, Suite 802, Norfolk, VA 23510.
  - xvi. Michael Driscoll of United Rentals gave a presentation on their training program “United Academy”. The website is: <http://unitedacademy.ur.com/>.
  - xvii. Next meeting May 14, 2015 @ 10:30 at AMSEC.
- AMMA General Meeting Highlights:
    - i. AMMA is putting together a luncheon in May.
    - ii. Trying to collect data for the cost of using RapidGate System for 2014 in order to provide a cost-comparison to the Gov’t.
    - iii. Looking to hire a ‘Strategic Director’ part-time to help with organization efforts; was successful when done by other companies.
    - iv. Discussed a letter being drafted to Navy regarding QA and Weld procedure acceptance at all NSAs.
  - AMMA Safety Committee Meeting
  - New Business
    - i. Discussed the need to take a close look at the FY16 Standard Items for changes.
  - Guest Speaker future meeting topics
    - i. Fall Protection - Jolean Halford
    - ii. VOC Reporting Requirements
    - iii. Shipboard Electrical Safety and NES 300 changes
    - iv. Tank watch & rescue requirements

- v. HAZWOPPER
- vi. Noise Monitoring Program

Jason Kjos of Epsilon Systems Solutions provided a great presentation on Machine Guarding. Specific areas included:

1. Standards across all industries, to include ANSI B11 standards
2. List of Interpretations of 1910.212
3. Letter of Interpretation specifically concerning the ability to manufacture machine guards locally
4. Checklist for Abrasive Wheel Equipment Grinders
5. A general checklist for inspecting all work areas for compliance
6. A partial list of injuries/fatalities involving grinders

A general discussion was held about the use of grinders, portable tools, etc. The standards can be found at:

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/machineguarding/index.html>, or [Safety and Health Topics | Machine Guarding](#).

**D. Open Discussion:** Input from members attending

- Discussed the PAI process at GD-NASSCO and the fact that the PAI cannot sign-off the form before the Fire Watch.
- Discussed the fire that occurred onboard USS Gunston Hall and lessons learned.
- Discussed the heavy equipment operator fatality at the Colonna's Shipyard.
- A metal ladder was observed being used onboard a vessel. The personnel were immediately corrected.
- Briefly discussed document 9090-310G (Req's for AIT work); read for updates.
- Recent Injuries
  - i. At a FT Benning, GA firing range, soldiers were shooting at objects other than their intended targets downrange. A fire Extinguisher was hit, resulting in fragments hitting a bystander. The bystander was ok. Additionally, the soldiers fired on an adjacent building damaging it as well.
  - ii. An employee was performing needle gun work in the overhead onboard a vessel. When it was time for him to reposition his ladder, he did not remove the needle gun from the top of the ladder. As a result, the needle gun fell and hit him in the face. Even though he was wearing a respirator, the force removed it from his face, cut his lip and broke a tooth.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next safety committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 20 May, 2015** at 1:00 pm at QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Wally Finn, Chairman, AMMA Safety Committee