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**Subject:** AMMA Safety Committee Monthly Meeting held @ 1:00 pm on Wednesday, 19 August, 2015. Meeting called to order at 1:10 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
Wayne Watson	LPI
Joe Yurso	QED
Ron Verostek	Phoenix Group
Wesley Foy	Valkyrie
George O'Leary	GG Sharp
Don Beiler	SERCO
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Call In:  
Tom Craddock                      Delphinus

**B. Old Business:**

- 15 July, 2015 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**C. Topics for Discussion**

- 13 August, 2015 VSRA Safety Meeting Highlights:
  - i. New heavy metal free Biocide deters barnacles from ships.
  - ii. Stronger Standards for pesticides
  - iii. New enclosure for overspray
  - iv. New EPA Air Permit Rules eliminate competitive disadvantage for Va assemblies
  - v. VMA is hosting an EHS Seminar in Richmond September 17-18, 2015 at the Westin Richmond
  - vi. Two Safety Suggestions were reviewed. A suggestion for solar lighting for stop signs and crosswalks, submitted by Sunbelt Rentals, passed. A suggestion for work/break schedules based on ACGIH heat index data, submitted by QED, did not pass.
  - vii. A proposal related to Safety Suggestions also passed. The proposal was to have supervisors of employees who win safety suggestions to receive recognition and a small gift certificate. This will be presented to the VSRA Board
  - viii. Safety Seminar Subcommittee. The seminar will be held at the ODU Ted Constant Convocation Center on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. John

Davis, Crofton Diving, is the POC. He can be reached at [jdavis@croftondiving.com](mailto:jdavis@croftondiving.com). So far, the tracks are set and \$13,000 in sponsorships has been raised. Registration information was sent out on August 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a cap of 200 people

- ix. The VSRA/OSHA Partnership was held on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was no report out of that meeting. Still no word on an OSHA Area Director. John Ratcliffe, OSHA Area Compliance Officer, is the current Point of Contact. The next VSRA/OSHA Partnership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be an Executive Luncheon..
- x. The SSRAC Committee met in Newport News July 27-31.
- xi. Permit Authorizing Individual (PAI) Hot Work subcommittee. Their work is almost done. They plan to meet with Frank Walker of MARMC. During this meeting, there was a big discussion about the definition of hot work. This needs to be discussed and clarified by the subcommittee.
- xii. Frank Wheatley noted that MARMC mentioned that there have been 23 fires in this port this year. That triggered discussion about the definition of a fire, if they were Navy or contractor, and if they had been investigated for root cause

➤ 4 August 2015 Industry Call Highlights

- i. NMDR discussions
- ii. SSRAC results review, positive feedback about cost saving changes
- iii. Positive feedback reported by Joe Yurso for NMDR improvement
- iv. To join contact Sarah Dean, CNRMC C200 Staff, Knowledge Manager, McKean Defense Group, Email: [sdean@mckean-defense.com](mailto:sdean@mckean-defense.com), Desk: (757)355-6941, Desk routes to mobile after 4 rings. She will add you to the email invite distribution. The Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada) is: 1-866-910-6663 Pass code: 2124261#

➤ 23 July 2015 VSRA-OSHA Partnership Meeting Highlights:

- i. Discussed new Safety Management Board
- ii. Discussed Hot work Ticket revision, much discussion concerning uniformity at all ports, have other port associations been consulted before form is implemented in our port
- iii. Injury reporting interpretations

➤ 23 July 2015 AMMA General Meeting Highlights:

- i. Each committee provided brief
- ii. Discussion about available grant to develop certification programs required by industry, potential funds available to help AMMA members benefit from Fiber Optic Fabricator Training Program

➤ AMMA Safety Committee Meeting

➤ New Business

- i. Discussed SSRAC (FY17) Meeting results. Safety finished early. Reviewed adopted changes with group concerning 009-07, 009-35, 009-70 and 009-74
- ii. Reviewed FY-15 Ch 2 and FY-16 Ch 1 changes including 009-74 change that removed Safety Observer requirement.

- iii. There's a new Standard Item Website NSI WEBSITE  
"http://www.navsea.navy.mil/Home/RMC/CNRM/OurPrograms/S  
SRAC.aspx

- Guest Speaker future meeting topics
  - i. Air Sampling Kits – Jolean Halford to bring Larry Ryan - Sept
  - i. Personal Fall Arrest, Proper Attachment Points – Jason Kjos-Oct
  - ii. Tank watch & rescue requirements
  - iii. Shipboard Electrical Safety and NES 300 changes
  - iv. HAZWOPPER
  - v. Noise Monitoring Program

\*If someone would like to volunteer to present one of the topics above at our next meeting, please contact Wally with the details.

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

- Discussed marine coatings containing heavy metals, chips sampling results can't be directly compared to OSHA PEL, must collect air sample data, evaluate results to determine protection requirements
- Lessons Learned:
  - i. A member shared that a CAR had been issued for improper attachment point used (cableway) by a worker for personal fall protection. The employee was temporary labor. Investigated training received and found inadequate. Recommend reviewing Temp Labor Training programs closely. Verify PO identifies training responsibilities clearly.
  - ii. A member reported that on a recent job working cableways they discovered that metal cut out from another activity was left lying loose on top of the overhead cableways causing potential struck by hazard.
- Recent Injuries
  - i. An individual received an eye injury from getting trash in their eye while welding. Investigation identified employee had fan directed from behind forcing air flow from the back side of eye protection which was potentially a contributing factor.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next safety committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 16 August, 2015** at 1:00 pm at QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Wally Finn, Chairman, AMMA Safety Committee