

Papermaking Sector PABIAC Report 170707

Injury stats

For the second consecutive month (April and May) there were no major injuries reported, which means that the major injury rate now stands at **0.68** (x 1000 employees). This is a great achievement, however we can't become complacent. There were **12 minor** injuries reported during the month, which has resulted in a slight increase in our overall total injury rate. This now stands at **10.93** (x 1000 employees).

Paper & Tissue H&S Committee

Held 2 meetings since the last PABIAC meeting.

Actions from both included

- Setting up a small working group comprising a cross section of stakeholders including operatives to discuss the issues around felt changing. This meeting subsequently took place on 1st May with a further meeting on 12 July.
- Comments on the proposed PABIAC strategic targets 2008 – 2011, revised sector action plan 07-08 to include felt change and contractors + topics included in the strategy.

Felt change working group

The working group representatives are from Georgia-Pacific, SCA, M-real, St Regis, Shotton and from the suppliers Voith and Albany. It was agreed that the HSE would be asked to participate on a "when required" basis.

It was agreed that the issue surrounding felt changes was a difficult area to address and that it might not be possible to eliminate all of the hazards. However, they could be reduced, and as a starting point the group will produce a simple template that could be used to identify the main hazards associated with the task, and thereafter using a hierarchy approach, against each of these hazards provide examples of a variety of preventative measure. This could either be by design, a technical or engineering solution or simply by use of a safe system of work.

This work is now being progressed through the group.

HSL Transport workshop

Forty-three delegates, comprising representatives from all 4 sectors and some hauliers, attended the seminar on load security in the paper industry. The seminar was arranged through CPI in conjunction with the Health and Safety Laboratory (HSL)

The main aim of the seminar was to share information, and as an opportunity to help the researchers understand the practical, technical and commercial issues involved in loading and securing loads of paper onto curtain-sided lorries.

A summary of the day is being prepared by the HSL and will be made available to all Members

CPI transport follow up

As a follow up to the seminar, it was suggested that in order to keep all interested parties involved, it would be worth maintaining contact and possibly establishing a small 'ad-hoc' working group. The main purpose of which, would be to collectively share information and ideas on transport related issues, which could then be made available to the HSL, to further assist them in their research into load security.

A questionnaire has been prepared and sent out to those companies who registered an interest to establish what existing measures are in place relating to current standards and best practice.

EVENTS - CPI Senior Management Symposium, October 10th 2007

This event is being held at the Institute of Directors, London and is aimed at senior management from across the CPI membership. The programme has been designed to enable members to benefit from listening to highly qualified presenters, speaking on the latest analyses of issues and developments relevant to all sectors. The programme for the day

- ***Progress & the Challenges Ahead***
James Barrett, Chairman PABIAC, Health and Safety Executive
- ***Back to Work: Rehabilitation***
Professor Sayeed Khan, Commissioner, Health & Safety Commission
- ***Stepping Forward with the Carbon Footprint***
Marco Mensinck, Energy & Environment Director, CEPI
- ***Energy Supply: safe & secure?***
John Hall, Managing Director, John Hall Associates
- ***Energy Costs: getting government to listen***
Jeremy Nicholson, Director, Energy Intensive Users Group
- ***Bio-energy: Impact on the European Paper Industry***
Marco Mensink, Energy & Environment Director, CEPI
- ***Changing Horizons***
Dr Liz Goodwin, Chief Executive, Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP)
- ***The New China Syndrome***
Tom Wright, Research Director, Hawkins Wright

Health and Safety Biennial Event 7 November 2007

Over 110 delegates have already registered to attend this year's conference, which will focus on Machinery and Safe Intervention including behavioural aspects. The programme is in the final stages of preparation and will be available shortly.

Amongst the speakers will be Mike Wilcock, HSE who will deliver the key note speech, and Ronny Lardner. Ronny is a chartered occupational psychologist, specialising in health and safety, and a member of the British Psychological Society. In 2006 he and a colleague won the Society's 'Practitioner of the year award' for a project that successfully tackled the issues of 'Why people behave the way they do'. A summary of the project was a feature in the April edition of 'Safety and Health Practitioner' titled 'What lies beneath'

Members information

Members Circulars

- Personal letter from James Barrett to CEO's reminding them that the current strategy has only one year yet
- Status report on progress to date following recommendations by CEO's at the 2005 safety conference

CPI News Items

Some of the many articles covered in CPI news include

HSE Falls from Vehicles Campaign
Directors Duties Consultation guidance
European week Oct 'Lighten the Load'
Ladder initiative
WISH forum documents – including links to the completed documents and any out for consultation

Safe Interventions project and the inclusion of confined spaces
Steel Beam fatality - prosecution and fine
DHL Exel prosecution – Plastic bale crush fatality

Safety Alerts

Five safety alerts have been issued in the last 3 months

- 1) – Dangerous Occurrence – Crane hoist rope failure
- 2) - A printing company, Terry Smith Group, employee died of multiple injuries, after an accident involving a die cutting machine. Reminder to all corrugated/ sheet companies to review operating procedures for this type of equipment and hand fed platen machines
- 3) - HSE warning on the potential failure mechanism of a particular design of lifting bars found on some containers hoisted by hook-loaders (wishbone hookbars)
- 4) – A contractor was injured following an explosion at a paper mill. The explosion occurred when the contractor used oxygen to purge out a chiller unit instead of nitrogen. The exact circumstances are still under investigation, but one of the contributor factors was that the oxygen cylinder may have been mistaken for nitrogen due to the incorrect identification of the cylinder, following changes in a new European standard on colour coding.
- 5) – Operator injured on a Pasaban Coiler. The IP became trapped between the hydraulic retaining arm and the web discharge end of the air shaft which supports the cores on the coiler. Reminder for mills to review operating procedures, refer to reeling and slitting guidance for info on guarding

All alerts have been issued and are available on the CPI website