

QUARRIES NATIONAL JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 18th meeting of the Quarries National Joint Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 2nd October 2001 at 10.30am in HSE Rose Court, London

Present

Mr T Rose
Mr R Pearce
Mr G Baker
Mr R White
Mr C Raymond
Mr E Davies
Mr R Claydon
Mr J Close
Mr M Isles
Mr M Pemberton
Mr C Kirby
Mr I Glendinning
Mr R Allen
Mr K Dobbie
Mr C Webb
Mr P Foster
Mr P Fairlamb
Mr R Pine

Apologies

Mr M Hedges
Mr T Mellish
Mr B Rostron
Mr D Monk
Mr D Pimblett
Mr T Dalziel

Representing

Chair – HSE
Secretary – HSE
HSE
HSE
HSE (Speaker)
HSE (Speaker)
RMC
Lafarge Aggregates
Quarry Products Association
China Clay Association
Silica and Moulding Sands Association
British Aggregates Association
Environmental Services Association
Sandsfield Gravel Co Ltd
EPIC
Institution of Materials, Minerals and Mining
COALPRO
Institution of Materials, Minerals and Mining

Apologies

F Morrall
Mr B Stringer

Guests

Mr P Ward – Hanson Materials (America)

Summary of Action agreed:

2. MINERAL WASTE DIRECTIVE

Members should consult for more information.

<http://www.europa.eu.int/com/environment/waste/mining.report.pdf>

4. EXPLOSIVE REGULATIONS AND COER

Members to comment on the consultative document.

11. PROVIDING SITE INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEES

HSE to consider putting an article on site information for employees into a future edition of quarry fact file.

INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Professor R Pine IMM, Ian Glendinning British Aggregates Association, Pat Foster Camborne School of Mines and Peter Ward (Observer) from Hanson Aggregates America.

1. MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2001 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.

2. MINERALS WASTE DIRECTIVE

- 2.1** R Pearce outlined the proposals to include mineral wastes in the Seveso 11 Directive. While this is aimed at environmental considerations it will also affect safety of tips and lagoons. The view in Britain is that the landfill directive does not form a suitable structure for this and that a specific minerals waste directive should be created.

Action agreed: Members should consult for more information.

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3. ELECTRICAL GUIDANCE

Eifion Davies outlined the proposed guidance to replace the Quarries ACOP on electricity. It was agreed that HSE would write to members to ask for a response to the proposed changes, and if the results are positive formally adopt the guidance at the next meeting. It would then be recommended to the HSC that the procedure for the removal of the ACOP be adopted.

4. EXPLOSIVE REGULATIONS AND COER

Chris Raymond outlined the main changes to the new Explosive Regulations to replace the Explosives Act and subsequent changes to COER. Members will be sent the consultative document for comment.

Action agreed: **Members to comment on the consultative document.**

5. WORKER SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES

R Pearce expressed HSE concern at the low take up of the training that has been made available at colleges of further education throughout Britain. It was agreed that the marketing of this course be changed with emphasis on the HSE involvement on its production. Members were asked to support this training.

6. RESEARCH PROJECT TO EXAMINE THE UNDERLYING ACCIDENT CAUSATION IN THE INDUSTRY AND THE

ACHIEVEMENT OF THE HARD TARGET

Pat Foster outlined a project funded through the university to consider accident causation. This will be a useful progress check on the Hard Target initiative.

Action agreed: **Members are asked to support this research and co-operate with Camborne School of Mines in their aims and objectives.**

7. PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS TO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

G Baker and M Isles outlined the problems concerning public safety in disused quarries. It was agreed that there was little that could effectively be done, but that HSE would continue to support the QPA and other association initiatives.

8. EPIC PROGRESS WITH PROJECTS

Clive Webb confirmed the completion of the HSC funded training project and the safety passport project in 2000/01. He outlined the safety checklist audit system currently being devised (another HSC-funded initiative). Members of QPA and British Aggregates Association were trailing this.

9. PROGRESS ON HARD TARGETS

See attached paper (copies of overhead slides). After one year, there had been a 17% drop in accidents (compared to the average number of accidents pa over the period 1995-2000)

10. CO-OPERATION BETWEEN HSE, QUARRY COMPANIES AND WORKFORCE

Discussion as per the paper attached to the agenda.

Points raised

The members confirmed their interest in this scheme but tended to prefer a scheme based on individual companies rather than with the industry associations.

11. UPDATE ON OTHER INITIATIVES

M Isles outlined two pieces of guidance currently being undertaken by QPA conveyor guarding and behavioural safety. The QPA good practice scheme had 230 entries and a video of innovations is available for members.

The guidance on silo pressurisation was launched at Hillhead and the bitumen association has reissued the guidance on bitumen deliveries.

P Fairlamb announced that COALPRO are to hold a conference on safety issues in the new year.

12. PROVIDING SITE INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEES

Keith Dobbie outlined his idea on involving employees in health and safety, e.g. displaying a notice outside a quarry giving accident figures for the site.

Points raised

Members were amenable to his recommendations but said they thought any initiative should be the decision of the individual company/site.

HSE could consider putting this idea in a future edition of quarry fact file.

13. HEALTH AND SAFETY STRATEGY AND HSE INITIATIVES IN QUARRIES

Inspectors will be concentrating on:- manual handling, noise & geotechnical assessments - which will include how these are dealt with in the health and safety document compared to conditions found on site.

Due to time constraints the meeting agreed to consider the HSC Health strategy, the HSE-WATCH committee findings on silica research and the noise and vibration directive at the next meeting. Information on silica research and the new vibration proposals are attached to these minutes.

Note: members may be interested in HSE's future research proposals. A document can be found on HSE's Internet site: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/science/index.htm> and will be available until

31 December 2001.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

15. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 19th March 2002 and Tuesday 1st October 2002 both to be held in HSE Rose Court, London at 10.30am.

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