

QUARRIES NATIONAL JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Quarries National Joint Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 05th October 2004 at 10.30am in HSE Rose Court, London

Present

Mr J Barrett
Mr R Pearce
Mrs L Weston
Mrs H Turner
Mr I Waugh
Mr M Isles
Mr S Spalding
Mr M Mellow
Mr C Kirby
Mr J Myers
Mr D Sharman
Mr B Rostron
Mr N Reynolds
Mr P Foster
Mr D McClelland
Mr P Ward
Mr G Riddler
Mr P Fairlamb
Mr H Ehnes
Mr R Graham
Mr A Crawshaw
Mr A Taylor
Mr I Glendinning
Mr G Smith
Mr M Konnecke

Apologies

Mr C Webb
Mr R Allen
Mr M Smith
Mr K Dobbie

Representing

Chair – HSE
Secretary – HSE
Minute Secretary – HSE
HSE
HSE
QPA
Kaolin & Ball Clay Association
T & GWU
Silica and Moulding Sands Association
Road Haulage Association
Stone Federation
CoalPro
GMB
Institution of Materials, Minerals and Mining
Johnstone Roadstone Ltd
Atlantic Alliance
Mineral Industry Research Organisation
CoalPro
Atlantic Alliance
Foster Yeoman Ltd
QPA
QPA
British Aggregates Association
National Counter Terrorism Security Office
Technical University of Clausthal

EPIC Training Ltd
Environmental Services Association
Institution of Quarrying
Sandsfield Gravel Co Ltd

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed new members: John Myers representing Road Haulage Association, Gordon Riddler representing MIRO, David McClelland representing SME's and Neal Reynolds representing GMB

Speakers: Peter Ward representing MSHA/NSSGA – USA, Graham Smith representing NaCTSO and Rory Graham representing Foster Yeoman Ltd

Deputies: Andrew Taylor for Richard Claydon (QPA) and Andy Crawshaw for David Cather (QPA), John Myers for Steve Biddle (RHA)

Guests: Helmut Ehnes from StBG, Germany and Matthew Konnecke from University of Clausthal, Germany

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2004

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate copy.

Matters Arising

NVQ's – P Brain

Item not discussed as Phil Brain could not attend.

Accident Aetiology Update – John Dungey

Deferred to next meeting as John Dungey could not attend

3. HARD TARGET 2005-2010 – ROB PEARCE

The industry was firstly congratulated on the improvements it had already achieved. The existing target was set-up in 1999 and is due to end in 2005; therefore the next hard target needs to be set. The following were proposed to members.

- While the target will be zero injury, the incidence will be judged on a further 50% cut from the 2005/6-target figure set in 2000
- A new brand name 'Quarries Target Zero – a world class industry'. This will address both health and safety
- Ill-health statistics to be included
- Include all who regularly work in the quarry industry e.g. lorry drivers, hauliers and contractors
- Proposed to continue using the 2000 baseline. This will overcome the problems of exactly how many people work at the quarry, and it is not envisaged that the reporting procedures, or the employment figures will change greatly

Points raised

Some members did not want ill-health statistics included as they felt that not enough information was readily available to set any baseline. The Occupational Health subcommittee is tasked with further consideration of the baselines, which could be used.

Members were concerned with the current baseline being used as many already thought that lorry drivers, hauliers and contractors were

already being included. They felt that HSE needed to clarify this before any new targets should be set.

Concerned that only quarry accidents were monitored, and that the loading of vehicle accidents also needed to be investigated.

Agreed Action: **The discussion document produced by Rob Pearce to be sent out with minutes.**

4. DRAFT COP ON ANFO SECURITY – GRAHAM SMITH

Copy of the presentation by Graham Smith attached to minutes.

Points raised

The issue of ventilation on ISO containers was raised. After a lengthy discussion Andy Miller agreed to look into the possibility of HSE releasing information on what HSE deem acceptable. Members were also reminded that they as individual companies could do their own research as to potential problems that could arise.

Although members did have concerns, it was agreed not to delay the proposed guidance on Anfo Security being released.

Agreed Action: **Andy Miller to look into the possibility of releasing guidance on ventilation in metal containers.**

5. ELECTRICITY ACOP – ANDY MILLER

After further information from the industry the commission paper has now been drafted. The paper will be put to the commission on the 11th January 2005.

Points raised

Concerns were raised with the cancellation of the ACOP and the introduction of the new guidance. It was felt that some of the content in the new guidance could be misinterpreted.

Although members had already commented and agreed this proposed guidance, it was decided that one final meeting should be held to sort out any problem areas.

Agreed Action: **Andy Miller to arrange one final meeting with members**

6. ATLANTIC ALLIANCE – PETER WARD

Peter Ward gave a feedback on behalf of MSHA/NSSGA – USA on the Atlantic Alliance conference held at the Camborne School of Mines, University of Exeter in May 2004. Those participating in the May meeting found the exchange to be invaluable. They believed the alliance was an excellent forum for sharing expertise and launching co-operative efforts to deal with safety and health challenges faced on both sides of the Atlantic.

MSHA/NSSGA proposed to co-host the next Atlantic Alliance conference in conjunction with the World Congress on Safety and Health at Work in Orlando, Florida on 22nd & 23rd September 2005. Members present were appreciative and supportive of this invitation but unable to commit themselves to attend without reference to their

employers.

A website for the Alliance is to be established – not to duplicate information already published elsewhere but to act as a means of information exchange. A name has now been reserved: www.quarryhands.org.

7. QNJAC MOBILE PLANT SUBCOMMITTEE – RORY GRAHAM

The presentation outlined the main reason for the setting up of the working party;

- High rate of accidents associated with quarry mobile plant
- Inconsistent specification of requirements by major UK users
- Perception that compliance with standards is the maximum deliverable
- No focus or coordination for the development of improvements

The objectives of the working party being;

- To deliver a consistent UK specification for quarry mobile plant
- To provide guidance to industry on good practice with respect to the safety features/standards for mobile plant
- To provide a forum for reviewing and discussing mobile plant

8. SHOTFIRING COURSES – CLIVE WEBB

Deferred until next meeting due to the absence of Clive Webb.

9. MIRO BIDS – MARTIN ISLES AND PATRICK FOSTER

4 major research bids have been successful:

for QPA

- Virtual quarry and open access education resource
- Quarry safety for teenagers

for CSM, University of Exeter

- Improving the standards of H&S Management in the quarrying sector
- An education strategy for the planning and safe operation in quarries

The 1st Earth Science Education Forum conference is being held on 9th October at House's of Parliament, London. The aim of the event being to improve earth science education and raise the profile of the industry and potential careers within the industry.

10. STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIP SCHEME – HELEN TURNER

Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Quarries Website

The availability of HSE's Quarries website was raised.

Helen Turner advised that the website is currently under development, it is expected to be made available by December 04.

Sheeting guidance

Andrew Taylor had a number of points on the new safe driving – sheeting and unsheeting guidance, which he needs clarification on.

Agreed to send those issues of concern to Helen Turner (HSE).

Following the meeting presentations were made by:

Matthias Konnecke from Technical University of Clausthal on Analysis of accidents with mobile earthmoving equipment in Germany.

Julie Mavay from Hedweld on safe-away access systems

12. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st March 2005 to be held in Rose Court, London at 10.30am

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