

QUARRIES NATIONAL JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Quarries National Joint Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 19th March 2002 at 10.30am in HSE Rose Court, London

Present

Mr T Rose
Mrs L Weston
Mr G Baker
Mr A Miller
Mr R Claydon
Mr G Morris
Mr M Isles
Mr M Pemberton
Mr C Kirby
Mr I Glendinning
Mr B Stringer
Mr R Allen
Mr P Fairlamb
Mr M Hedges
Mr B Rostron
Mr C Webb
Mr P Foster
Mr F Morrall

Apologies

Mr J Atkinson
Mr T Mellish
Mr M Smith
Mr K Dobbie
Mr D Pimblett
Mr D Monk
Mr T Dalziel

Summary of Action agreed:

5. SILICA

Members if needed to contribute to new Control Information Sheets.

8. WHOLE BODY VIBRATION

Further information on whole body vibration is available from B Cole (HSE).

15.1 REVITALSING

Representing

Chair – HSE
Minute Secretary – HSE
HSE
HSE
RMC
Lafarge Aggregates
Quarry Products Association
China Clay Association
Silica and Moulding Sands Association
British Aggregates Association
British Drilling Association
Environmental Services Association
COALPRO
Hanson
COALPRO
EPIC
Institution of Materials, Minerals and Mining
British Ceramic Confederation

Apologies

Mr R Pearce

Guests

Mr T Kujawa

Revitalising Health and Safety in Construction available off the HSE web site.

15.2 HSC/E STRATEGIC RESEARCH OUTLOOK 2003

Draft HSC/E Strategic Research Outlook 2003 available off the HSE web site.
Comments required by 20th December 2002.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Mr Kujawa - ex production director for Hanson Southern.

G Morris substituted for J Close and P Foster for A Wetherelt/R Pine.

2. MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER 2001 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

- Accidents available on the web

This information is now available from the following internet address:

www.hse.gov.uk/fod/metalmin.htm

- Staff Changes

The chair advised members of Geoff Baker's posting to an operations position in the East and South East Division. He and the members expressed their thanks for his hard work. Mike Cross (based at HSE-Wrexham Office) will be Geoff's replacement.

3 HARD TARGET: LATEST FIGURES – GEOFF BAKER

The estimated number of accidents/injuries for the year, Apr '01 - Mar '02, was on track for the Hard Target initiative. Accidents have been dominated by three causes: handling, slips and trips and falls.

Points raised

It was suggested that we hold workshops/seminars so that companies could share with each other their experiences with the Hard Target initiative. Also, some best practice guidance for the industry could be produced.

Action agreed: Set up a subcommittee to look at accident causation and if relevant produce some best practice guidance. This could be the same working group as made the original recommendations on the Hard Target initiative.

4. QUARRY SAFETY: EMOTIONS NOT SYSTEMS – TONY KUJAWA

The purpose of his presentation was to discuss the key findings of his MBA dissertation 'working together - safety matters' which was related to his company response to the industry's 'Hard Target' initiative.

Tony dealt with the conflict between rational approaches to safety and emotional responses. Often the latter were much more powerful in terms of improving standards. His conclusion was that companies (and HSE) should not forget the emotional side to initiatives on health and safety.

5. **HEALTH TARGETS – GEOFF BAKER**

Geoff Baker presented a paper on health targets. Occupational ill health probably causes as much pain and misery to employees (and financial loss to quarry operators) as injuries arising at work. Bearing this in mind it is now felt that health targets should be included in the Hard Target initiative.

Action agreed: **It was suggested that a working group design and develop health targets. This could be the same working group as made the original recommendations on the Hard Target initiative. It should meet once or twice and report back to the next full QNJAC meeting.**

6. **MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES**

- ***Mineral Waste Directive - Andy Miller***

Members were advised of a draft directive:

‘The management of waste resulting from prospecting, extraction, treatment and storage of minerals’ recently released by the European Commission.

Problems with the directive have already been discussed and noted by HSE, these comments will be submitted to the EC. HSE is happy to take any constructive suggestions from this committee forward, however it is felt that industry itself needs to lobby and make its voice heard. But to date there has been very little response from Industry!

The working document can be found at the following internet address:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/waste/mining.htm>

- ***Explosives - Andy Miller***

The Consultative document ‘Proposals for new regulations on the manufacture and storage of explosives’ is now out for consultation. One of the main changes will be the removal of the Ammonium Nitrate Fuel Oil (ANFO) licensing for quarries. Comments to be received by 10th June 2002

The consultative document can be found at the following internet address:

www.hse.gov.uk/condocs/

- ***Noise Directive - Martin Isles***

QPA, COALPRO and BAA have been lobbying hard in Europe and

following an ESAC meeting in February 2002 there has been a successful outcome. Some of the over stringent standards have been dropped and a more sensible line adopted.

- ***Vibration Directive - Martin Isles***

Martin outline the work the QPA had done in relation to this directive, especially trying to get a practical whole body vibration standard.

7. QUARRY CHECKLIST – CLIVE WEBB

The quarry safety checklist project was funded by HSC and undertaken by EPIC. The package is mainly designed for SME's but it also relevant for the larger companies. This project has now been completed. Further information/training can be obtained from EPIC.

8. WHOLE BODY VIBRATION – B COLE (HSE)

Mr Cole outlined the main research and areas that HSE was involved in.

Timetable:

- ❖ July 2002 – Initial cabinet panel paper on options
- ❖ July 2002 – Informal meetings CBI/TUC
- ❖ By April 2003 – Complete drafts CDs
- ❖ October – December 2003 – collate responses
- ❖ By mid 2004 complete revision of draft regs/guidance
- ❖ By Dec 2004 Regs made/laid
- ❖ By June 2005 Regs come into force/guidance published

Some members felt that more research work was needed. Any comments to be forwarded onto: brian.coles@hse.gsi.gov.uk

Copy of overheads attached to minutes.

9. STAR CHAMBER BID – R PEARCE (HSE)

A series of data was discussed outlining how industry was coping with the new regulations. The findings were that there was room for improvement in the designing of the quarry particularly in hard rock quarries and also the need for more worker involvement in the setting out and review of control measure.

10. ACCIDENT AETIOLOGY – P FOSTER (IOME)

Mr Foster gave a progress report. Stage one: accident analysis has been completed, work has now commenced on the second stage: site visits. Update on progress will be given at the next meeting.

11. COMPETENCE – DO WE HAVE A STRATEGY? – R PEARCE

The initiative on competence was discussed; employees will need to demonstrate their competence, advised to make full use of the

occupational standards.

12. PROGRESS WITH MISC, CHECKLIST SYSTEMS, H&S TRAINING – C WEBB

The quarry safety checklists should be available from EPIC by the end of October 02.

13. NORTH AMERICA BUSINESS – P WARD

An update on (H&S) issues in the American industry was given, also discussed were the main areas of concerns.

14. HSE NORTHERN IRELAND – B MONSON

Members were given an overview of how HSE in Northern Ireland worked. One major problem was the aggregate tax, another problem is that the big companies are improving but the small companies are getting worse. Mr Monson asked for suggested on how to tackle this issue.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Revitalising

The discussion document on Revitalising Health and Safety in Construction available from:

www.hse.gov.uk/consult/disdocs/dde20.htm

15.2 HSC/E Strategic Research Outlook 2003

A draft of 'HSC/E Strategic Research Outlook 2003' has been placed on the HSE web site. The document can be found at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/research> and will be available until 20th December 2002. Comments are required by that date and should be sent to Simon Armitage – Email simon.armitage@hse.gsi.gov.uk

16. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18th March 2003 to be held in HSE Rose Court, London at 10.30am.

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