

Health and Safety Executive Board			HSE/11/M08
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<b>Minutes of HSE Board Meeting – 17 August 2011</b> Mint Hotel, Westminster			

### Attending

Judith Hackitt – Chair	Richard Taylor	Hugh Robertson	David Gartside
Liz Snape	Sandy Blair	Frances Outram	Robin Dahlberg
Nick Baldwin	John Spanswick		

### Apologies

Paul Kenny

### Also attending

Geoffrey Podger, Sue Johns, Gaynor Coldrick, Steve Dennis, Prakash Bachoo, Jane Willis, Sally Sykes, Laurence Monaghan, Ian Philips (all items); Clive Fleming (item 3); Ron Griffiths & David Sowerby (items 4 & 10); Priven Patel – Deloitte, Duncan Farrow-Smith – Deloitte & Eddie Morland (item 5); Kate Sweeney (item 9); Chantal Nicholls & Stephen Williams (item 10); Philip White (item 11).

Minutes Laurence Monaghan

<b>Open Session</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Minutes (HSE/11/M06C)</b>
6.1	The minutes of the June meeting were agreed with a request that timings and responsibilities be clarified for the papers on risk communication and land use planning requested at the June meeting. It was confirmed that CSEAD would be providing the former while the latter would be worked on jointly by HID and ONR. The ONR Board clearly recognised that this was a subject to be worked upon in close cooperation with HSE.
<b>7</b>	<b>Chief Executive's Report (HSE/11/47)</b>
7.1	Geoffrey Podger presented his Chief Executive's report during the discussion of which the following points were made: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The second review of Capita Gas Registration and Ancillary Services Ltd (CGRAS) had raised a number of minor interface issues between HSE and CGRAS which were now being taken forward, however the CGRAS scheme was deemed to be working well.</li> <li>Possible interfaces, if any, between the review of the enforcement of gas safety legislation and the Red Tape Challenge were to be explored.</li> <li>The Board remained keen to undertake a follow-up campaign to the Hidden Killer campaign should conditions in which this might be permitted prevail.</li> <li>The industry sector under which the Pembrokeshire multiple fatality had been ascribed was queried and it was noted that this was not as yet confirmed.</li> </ol>
<b>8</b>	<b>Chair of the Office for Nuclear Regulation Report to the HSE Board (HSE/11/48)</b>

8.1	Nick Baldwin introduced the report during the discussion of which it was noted that although the origin of the Fukushima incident lay in the earthquake and tidal wave, there were many issues relating to defence in depth and response which could have wider applicability. It was confirmed that mechanisms were in place to ensure lessons from the EU stress tests and Fukushima related to nuclear installations were shared with HSE's broader high hazard inspection directorates. This included the HSE Deputy Chief Executive being a member of the interim ONR Board and the scheduling of a presentation to a HSE SCS conference.
<b>9</b>	<b>Workplace fatal injury statistics 2010/11 (HSE/11/49)</b>
9.1	The Board agreed that in spite of the year to year variation the statistical analysis did demonstrate a longer term continued improving trend in fatal accidents although they did note that the three-year average appeared to be beginning to plateau. The statistics also indicated those sectors where problems remained, which confirmed the validity of the strategic decisions previously taken by the Board of concentrating on those sectors, and were to be kept in mind when considering the strategies for those sectors.
9.2	A further paper was called for providing a similar analysis of the 2010/11 fatal, injury and ill-health statistics following their publication in October.
<b>Action point 1</b>	An analysis of the 2010/11 fatal, injury and ill-health statistics was to be provided following their publication in October.
<b>10</b>	<b>Outcome of the consultation on the 'Common Sense, Common Safety' proposal to amend the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR) HSE/11/50)</b>
10.1	The Board noted the analysis of the consultation responses and agreed to recommend to Ministers the proposed change to RIDDOR to increase the threshold for reporting and also extend the deadline for reporting from 10 to 15 days after the incident. Some Board members had individual reservations about whether there would be any benefits to health and safety standards and also noted concerns raised by some stakeholders during the consultation. It was agreed that these concerns be noted in the advice to Ministers.
10.2	The Board asked that the change to RIDDOR be accompanied by guidance to reinforce dutyholders' continuing responsibilities to record and act on over three day injuries. It was also requested that the impact of the change be monitored and an evaluation undertaken after three years.
<b>11</b>	<b>Update on waste management and recycling programme of work (HSE/11/51)</b>
11.1	The Board supported the continuing programme of work and agreed that a high-level summit be held to consider the problems to be tackled in this sector. In addition the Board provided the following further direction: a) There were parallels between the challenges in this sector and those previously faced in the construction sector, particularly in regard to the diversity of accidents and the wide range of company sizes involved. Where possible the lessons from the approaches that had proved successful for the construction sector were to be applied within this programme. b) A Board member who had accompanied a waste collection round had found issues around standardisation of vehicles and equipment, supervision and driver training to be apparent. c) Attention was to be given to the challenges presented by increasing use of agency and migrant workers in this sector. d) Efforts were to be made to promote the business benefits of good health and safety to those operating within the sector and also to raise awareness among

	<p>users of services of the risks faced by workers providing those services.</p> <p>e) Consideration was to be given to means of securing greater engagement at Board level within the industry.</p> <p>f) Closer working with professional bodies actively involved in the sector such as IOSH could provide opportunities to bring greater influence to bear.</p>
11.2	The impact in this sector of financial pressures on local authorities would be covered in the next update.
<b>12</b>	<b>An update on the work of Construction Division (HSE/11/52)</b>
12.1	Philip White introduced the paper by summarising current issues in the construction sector and the progress made by the programme since the last update to the Board from which he concluded the programme remained fit for purpose.
12.2	<p>In discussion of the paper the following points were made:</p> <p>a) The Board believed the Construction industry needed to do more to tackle occupational ill-health and that the legacy of the ODA provided an ideal opportunity to do demonstrate the business case and raise the profile of occupational health.</p> <p>b) The control of dusts, including asbestos, was a priority area for the inspection of small sites.</p> <p>c) The Inspectors of Construction initiative was being evaluated and the findings would be brought to the Board.</p> <p>d) The findings of the review of CDM were to be brought to the Board before the end of the year. Where a strong case for proceeding was evident, progress of the review was not to be delayed for other regulatory reviews.</p>
<b>13</b>	<b>Future Agendas (HSE/AG/09/2011)</b>
13.1	A paper on the European Union Strategy for Health and Safety at Work would be brought to the September meeting.
<b>14</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
14.1	Below the line paper: REACH restriction on paint-strippers containing dichloromethane: arrangements for a derogation – It was confirmed that the principles of COSHH would continue to apply to the use of DCM paint-strippers under derogation. The time-limited nature of restrictions under REACH would be confirmed to the Board following the meeting.
<b>Action point 2</b>	The time-limited nature of restrictions under REACH was to be confirmed.