

Health and Safety Executive Board			HSE/11/M06
Meeting Date:	29 June 2011	FoI Status	Open
FoI Exemptions			
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Minutes of HSE Board Meeting – 29 June 2011			
<u>Attending</u>			
Judith Hackitt – Chair	Richard Taylor	Hugh Robertson	David Gartside
Liz Snape	Sandy Blair	Frances Outram	Robin Dahlberg
<u>Apologies</u>			
John Spanswick	Paul Kenny	Nick Baldwin	
<u>Also attending</u>			
Geoffrey Podger, Kevin Myers, Sue Johns, Gaynor Coldrick, Dave Thomas, Peter McNaught, Jane Willis, Sally Sykes, Laurence Monaghan, Ian Philips (all items); Peter Baker (items 3 & 7); Christina Roberts (item 7); Dave Bench & Kate Sweeney (item 8).			
<u>Minutes</u> Laurence Monaghan			
Redgrave Court, Bootle			

Open Session	
4	Minutes (HSE/11/M05C)
4.1	The minutes of the May meeting were agreed with no comments.
5	Chief Executive's Report (HSE/11/35)
5.1	Geoffrey Podger presented his Chief Executive's report during the discussion of which the following points were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Operational colleagues along with other local regulatory bodies had met George Howarth MP to discuss the Sonae Industria factory. That the various regulatory agencies had acted properly during previous visits to the factory had not been disputed at the meeting. b) It was confirmed that a risk rating system was in place which enabled sites where there were particular concerns to receive increased attention. It was noted however that repeated visits by the regulator were no substitute for leadership and creating the right culture in the workplace itself. c) The fire and explosion at Chevron Pembroke Refinery further emphasised the level of attention that needs to be given to maintenance activities. d) The statistics on fatal injuries in the workplace 2010/11 had been published on 28 June 2011 and had reported a regrettable increase on the previous year's figures although the longer term trend was a downward one. The Board would be receiving a paper on the fatal statistics at the August meeting. e) The Board would be consulted on the setting of priority areas for discretionary proactive inspection in 2012/3. This would explain how various data sources on health and safety were taken into account.
Action point 1	The Board were to be consulted on the setting of priority areas for discretionary proactive inspection in 2012/3.
6	Chair of the Office for Nuclear Regulation Report to the HSE Board (HSE/11/36)

6.1	<p>Kevin Myers introduced the report during the discussion of which the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The ONR Board had agreed that ONR would have a default position of working to existing HSE policies unless and until replaced by specific ONR policies. The only area for which this is currently planned is in some aspects of pay policy. b) Mike Weightman delivered the IAEA report into the Fukushima nuclear accident to the IAEA last week. c) ONR were considering the implications of the outcome of the call-in process for the Boundary Hall Inquiry which had worked well, despite the final decision. The Board expressed the view that in doing so ONR should work with HSE and take account of broader experience in this area. d) The Board wished to receive a paper at a future meeting on improving risk communications skills which covered all areas of HSE business. e) A paper was also to be provided on achieving consistency and reducing duplication, where possible to do so, between nuclear and major hazards approaches to land use planning. f) The Highly Active Liquor Stocks Specifications referred to in paragraph 16 of the report would now be issued in early July. g) One of the GDA requesting parties had announced its intention to take a pause which would ease current ONR recruitment pressures, but also raises uncertainties over future manpower planning scenarios. h) The integration of the Radioactive Materials Transport team into ONR was expected to provide opportunities to harmonise approaches.
Action point 2	A paper on improving risk communications skills in all areas of HSE business was to be provided.
Action point 3	A paper was to be provided on achieving consistency and reducing duplication between nuclear and major hazards approaches to land use planning.
7	Seveso III Directive update (HSE/11/37)
7.1	Peter Baker introduced the paper by summarising the changes introduced by the Directive, highlighting the role of the security services in the provision of information and describing the flexibility available in setting priorities for inspection.
7.2	<p>The Board, who reported that they had also discussed this item in closed session earlier, agreed that further work on the Directive should seek to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Involve greater engagement with employee organisations. b) Achieve a balance between openness of information and the need for the security of sites. c) Follow a risk-based approach towards deciding which sites were within/without the scope of the Directive.
8	Outcome from the public consultation on statistics priorities (HSE/11/38)
8.1	Dave Bench and Kate Sweeney introduced the paper by reporting that a summary of the responses to the consultation would be made available in mid-July and that Ministerial agreement had been received for the collection of Labour force Survey data relating to work-related injury and ill-health up to 2014.
8.2	The Board asked that the collection of ill-health data be preserved where possible to do so and suggested that further discussions about the value of ill-health data take place with key professional bodies. The Board also highlighted the role of statistics in policy development and asked that discontinuities in data sets be guarded against.
8.3	It was confirmed that the Board would be provided with an opportunity to comment on the proposed final package for future statistics collection and that the outcome of the

	RIDDOR consultation would be brought to the Board as a discrete item.
9	Future Agendas (HSE/AG/08/2011)
9.1	The August agenda and forward look were agreed with no comments.
10	Any other business
10.1	The Board thanked Robin Dahlberg as outgoing Chair of the Audit Committee for his contribution to the work of the Committee. Frances Outram would become a member of the Audit Committee from the next meeting and David Gartside would take over as Chair.