

Health and Safety Executive Board			HSE/12/M09
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Minutes of HSE Board Meeting – 26 September 2012 Whittingham Suite, Redgrave Court, Bootle			

Attending

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

Also attending

Geoffrey Podger, Steve Dennis, Dave Thomas, Gaynor Coldrick, Jane Willis, Peter McNaught, Sue Johns, Rukhsana Dumbrell, Alex Farnhill, Dawn Hepworth, Dave Hockey, Heather Bolton and Martin Davies, Julian Delic and Mark Flynn, Peter Brown, Stephen Williams, Laurence Monaghan, Stuart Reston and Claire Lonsdale.

Minutes Rukhsana Dumbrell

Open Session	
11	Welcome & Introductions
11.1	<p>Welcome:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) The Chair welcomed observers and officials to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) Apologies were given for Howard Shiplee, Isobel Garner and Paul Kenny.</p> <p>Thanks:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c) It was noted that this would be the last Board meeting for Liz Snape who will be standing down after 9 years as a Board member/Commissioner and for Steve Dennis who will be retiring from HSE. The Chair offered thanks to both for their contributions and offered good wishes for the future on behalf of the Board.</p> <p>Minutes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">d) The Minutes of the 22 August 2012 Board meeting (HSE/12/M08C) were cleared with no amendments.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">e) Clarification was provided on the questions raised in paragraph 4f, whereby the Board noted that HSE would bear the cost of any EU infraction penalties that occurred in this area.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">f) The Board had noted that more time was now available to consider the</p>

	<p>Revocation of the Docks Regulations (HSE/12/74). The Board had suggested a meeting of officials and key stakeholders consider what more was needed to make the suite of guidance more robust.</p> <p>g) It was noted that the Board supported the recommendations in the Work at Heights Regulations paper (HSE/12/72).</p>
12	Chief Executive's Report (HSE/12/75)
12.1	<p>Geoffrey Podger presented his report. He drew the Board's attention to the following:</p> <p>a) Fee for Intervention was due to be introduced on 1 October 2012. Steve Dennis, Gordon Macdonald and their staff were thanked for ably leading the programme to implementation. An update on progress would be provided to the Board in due course.</p> <p>b) The Board noted the progress made in relation to a revised programme of interventions for the control of Legionella risks and that other parties were taking up the invitation to be involved in the review.</p>
13	Chair of the Office of Nuclear Regulation Report to the HSE Board (HSE/12/76)
13.1	<p>Nick Baldwin presented his report. He drew the Board's attention to the following:</p> <p>a) The introduction of the Energy Bill to Parliament in November 2012 was on track. Officials had been working on finalising the clauses.</p> <p>b) The sale of Horizon had attracted three bidders which included Areva, Westinghouse and Hitachi. Only Areva had completed the GDA process, Westinghouse had part completed it and Hitachi had not started. Depending on the outcome of the tender it was possible that there would be resource implications for ONR if the GDA needed to be reopened.</p>
14	Outcome of consultation on proposals to review HSE's ACOPs (HSE/12/77)
14.1	<p>Laurence Monaghan presented the paper that provided preliminary analysis of the responses from the consultation on proposals to review HSE's Approved Codes of Practice (ACoPs).</p> <p>In discussion the following comments were made:</p> <p>a) The six proposed revisions (or consolidations) to be delivered by end 2013 had received very high levels of support. The Board agreed that HSE could proceed with these revisions in advance of the completion of the full analysis.</p> <p>b) The Board noted that the proposals to withdraw three other ACOPs were not as well supported and a view on how these proposals might be taken forward would be provided to the Board at its December meeting.</p> <p>c) The Board welcomed this early read-out on the outcome of the consultation and felt that this was a valuable approach to take to enable work to proceed without delay.</p>

15	The role of sector strategies in the development of effective and efficient regulatory intervention (HSE/12/78)
15.1	<p>Kevin Myers gave a presentation to the Board to support his paper which explained the broad strategic approach to proactive regulatory interventions within the context of HSE's strategic and political objectives.</p> <p>In discussions the following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Board welcomed the presentation and paper. They felt they had gained a sound understanding of how HSE joined up the system that underpinned the sector strategies. They found the methodology used to develop the range of initiatives being taken forward across the organisation helpful. b) The Board noted that a combination of statistical and historic data - including drawing upon evolving technologies, operational intelligence, major hazard potential and expert judgement was used to horizon scan to identify and prioritise problems within the health and safety system. c) The Board observed that the paper set out a vision and methodology which was outward facing and noted that staff were engaged via the annual business planning cycle. d) The Board noted that movement of sectors between different classifications had taken place, (e.g. waste and recycling and quarries) and the strategic approach towards a sector could change. e) The Board highlighted the complexities of distinguishing between high hazard and high risk, and that they required different interventions. They noted that the classification of 'higher' and 'lower' risk only existed in the paper for illustrative purposes. f) The Board was encouraged to look at the individual sector strategies and seek the views of those who worked in that area.
16	Future Agendas
16.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Board considered the 31 October 2012 draft Board Agenda and the 2012/13 Board Forward Look. b) The Board noted the 31 October 2012 meeting would take place in Buxton.
17	Any Other Business
17.1	No other business was raised.