

Foundries Industry Advisory Committee

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Foundries Industry Advisory Committee held on Thursday 27th April 2006 at 10.00am at the Health and Safety Executives Offices, Hagley Road, Birmingham.

Present

Dr P Smith
Mr T Hay
Mrs L Weston
Mr M Shenton
Mr S Nicholas
Mr T McCarthy
Mr R Turley MBE
Mr G Morley
Mr D Oddy
Mr B Appleton
Mr J McAlinden

Representing

HSE - Acting Chairperson
HSE- Secretary
HSE – Minute Secretary
James W Shenton Ltd
Saint – Gobain
Community Trade Union
Roger Turley Engineering Consultancy
CTI
Federal Mogul
HSE (Speaker)
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Apologies

Mr J Barrett	HSE
Mr J Parker	CMF
Dr P Murrell	ICME
Mr R Sneddon	Community Trade Union
Mr N Talbot	Terrill Bros (Founders) Ltd

Absent

Mr P Clews	TGWU
Mr G Roper	Zeus

1. Introduction and apologies

Phil Smith chaired the meeting in the absence of James Barrett.

2. Actions arising from previous meeting

CHAN 33 (Furfuryl Alcohol) now available on the HSE website:
www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/chan33.htm

ACTS Representative for the Foundry Industry – Janet Asherson and Budd Hudsmith (CBI).

Further information on the Advisory Committee on Toxic Substances (ACTS) can be found on: www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/hsc/iacs/acts

3. Minutes of the 4th Meeting held on 20th October 2004

Noted: David Oddy had been omitted from attendance at this meeting from the minutes.

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. Noise and Vibration Issues (Bruce Appleton – HSE)

Bruce Appleton reported on the hand-arm vibration syndrome (HAVS) programme in 2006/07 including targeting sectors, which included the Foundries Industry. The campaign consists of programme-directed inspections, local promotional events and national communications activities, focussing on the adoption of control measures and strategies to reduce exposure to HAV.

There will be a number of communications and stakeholder engagement events to support the campaign. On 10th July 06 at the EEF in London there will be a Noise and Vibration Programme launch event to which all members will be invited. During June control surgeries are being held in London, Sheffield, Bridgend and Warrington. The intention of these events is to provide practical advice to duty holders on controlling risks from HAV by means of case studies highlighting good practice control measures and strategies.

Further information can be found on the following websites:

www.eef.org.uk

www.hse.gov.uk/vibration/index.htm

Action

Lisa Weston to provide Bruce Appleton with a full FIAC membership list.

5. Project on Carcinogens and Respiratory Disease Reduction Programme (John McAlinden – HSE)

John McAlinden reported on the Fit3 Disease Reduction Programme for occupational cancer linked to exposure to asbestos and occupational cancer associated with exposure to other chemical carcinogens. The initial objective to deliver a 6% reduction in the incidence rate of cases of work-related ill health by April 2008 is currently on target.

Members noted that previous research had been carried out into Ferrous Foundry Particulate (FFP), and that formaldehyde and furfuryl alcohol were a greater hazard. A discussion was held regarding the use and risks associated with isocyanates in binders. The foundry industry in the UK had contracted meaning that far fewer employees were now exposed to FFP.

Members informed John of the many research projects already carried out into FFP in the Foundry Industry.

Action

John McAlinden to contact John Parker (CMF) for further statistical information and Glynn Morley (CTI) for further advice on dust etc. -

L Weston to copy relevant research projects to John McAlinden.

6. SHIFT Update

Due to the absence of John Parker the SHIFT accidents statistics, recently circulated, were not discussed. It was felt that a revitalisation of the SHIFT initiative was required.

It was agreed that the best forum to get information across would be via CMF workshops.

Members each agreed to forward 3 items to Trevor Hay by the end of June 06 detailing what they felt the top priorities for the foundry industry were for reducing injury and if possible how SHIFT can help in achieving the SHIFT target. This will then be incorporated into a SHIFT Plan of Work.

Action

Members to forward suggestions to Trevor Hay by the end of June 06.

7. Any Other Business

None to report

8. Date of next meetings

Thursday 12th October 2006 – HSE Worcester Office

Thursday 22nd February 2006 – HSE Birmingham Office

