



Meeting Minutes - 8/15/13

89 Attendees

Jim Chatham, MCEPS VP – Opened up the meeting welcoming everyone and introduced the 2013 MCEPS Executive Committee

Safety Minute – David Murphy - ETC - Safeland USA is attending MCEPS meeting and will be having a Safeland Advisory Group meeting after the MCEPS Meeting. David invited PEC, IADC, ETC all provide Safeland Training to industry companies

Motivated to Safety – Paul Wingard – Paul shared his story about an injury he sustained while working at his home. Paul was in the process of transferring argon from an argon bottle to a bottle that was used for propane. Upon transferring the argon, the propane bottle exploded and went into several pieces and the pieces struck Paul causing serious injury. Paul had misplaced his priorities and had taken a safety shortcut. Paul was trying to save \$55 dollars a year by being able to use a propane bottle to keep the argon. After the injury, Paul was transported to the hospital and then later life-flighted to OKC. Paul required 52 units of blood during his first surgery, which lasted 8 1/2 hours. His second surgery lasted 7+ hours. Paul lost both of his legs due to the bottle exploding. Paul shared how his injury affected not only himself but his family as well.

Pipeline Safety Compliance – Mike Baldwin - Mike shared the US DOT agencies involved in Pipeline Safety and specific training programs for pipeline safety.

- Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
- Research & Innovative Technology Administration

PHMSA - Provides pipeline safety enforcement training to federal & state personnel, as mandated.

TSI - Specialize in transportation safety, security and environmental training. They offer onsite and online training courses to meet training needs.

Special Program Division, RTI-100 - This division conducts transportation safety and professional development training. Special program division provides training for local SWAT Teams. SPD hosted a Peer exchange in OKC and 46 states attended!

The purpose of TSI Pipeline safety course is to train petroleum energy corporations about the pipeline safety regulations and PHMSA interpretations.

The Pipeline safety compliance course development process involved a year of development using the PHMSA enforcement training as the foundation

- SPD customized PSC Course offerings include:
 - PSC Gas Course (3.5 day course)
 - PSC Liquid Course (3 day course)
 - Currently developing PSC Orientation course for new employee (2.5 day course)
 - Planning and preparing for development of Advanced PSC Course in 2014 (3 day course)

Benefits for participants in PSC Classes:

- Developed, offered and conducted by US DOT
- TSI is fee for service agency which awards a US DOT certificate of completion
- Covers Pipeline Safety Regulations promulgated, administered and enforced by US DOT
- This is the only PSC course offered by US DOT for corporations

Mike shared the Course content review for each class listed above

Carl Rose – Burton Controls - Leadership in Oilfield Safety – Part 6- “Leading Change”

Discussed searching for accountability in business

Leading Change....

- Staying “above the line”
- Personal accountability

1. Above the line

- Sense of Reality
- Ownership
- Commitment
- Solutions to Problems

2. Below the line

- Making Excuses
- Preparing Stories
- Blaming Others
- Confusion
- Helplessness
- It’s Not My Job

Carl presented questions as a survey and asked the group to answer.. (Questions can be found in Carl’s presentation)

What else can I do to operate above the line and achieve desired results?

Have an attitude of accountability, Improve quality, satisfy customers, empower people, build teams, maximize effectiveness

Victim Cycle

How to recognize if you’re below the line

- Ignore/Deny
- It’s not my job
- Finger-pointing
- Confusion/Tell me what to do
- Cover your tail
- Wait and see

Accountability Begins by Clearly Defining Results

- Improve own ability
- The Courage to see it
- Finding the heart to own it
- Obtain the wisdom to solve it
- Exercising the means to do it
- Mastering above the line Leadership
- Getting your entire organization above the line

Rick Ingram - National STEPS Chair - Discussed the overall STEPS Network and shared that there are 25 National STEPS groups throughout the US. Provided information on the 2014 OSHA Oil & Gas Safety & Health Conference and the NIOSH/NORA Council group. Rick discussed the Respirable silica issue and talked a little about the RS Focus group and the 3 smaller groups (Engineering group, IH group, and Communication group). The National Steps Website has information pertaining to the Respirable Silica Hazard and other useful information. Rick made mention of the new Eagle Ford STEPS Chapter that will be starting up August 22nd Jordanton Texas Library.

David Bates - OSHA Update - David shared with the group that the industry has suffered another fatality since our last MCEPS Meeting. Oklahoma Oil & Gas has suffered 4 fatalities in FY 2013. OSHA FY 2014 starts October 1 and there will be enforcement inspections taking place. OSHA has responded to 4 electrical accidents, none of which were in the O&G industry. David shared more information on National Standdown. The standdown will be held on November 14th. The meeting will be held at the OIPA Conference center in Downtown OKC. More information will be shared with MCEPS members as it is available. More information can be found here: [OSHA Standdown](#) . MCEPS is looking for sponsors for the November meeting. If you are interested please email one of members on the STEPS website.

Group Discussion - Member asked a question around a near miss that occurred on site with a diabetic employee. Question was if the company could demand the employee to take a blood sugar test and the answer was that it cannot be demanded just strongly recommended.

Meeting Dismissed