

Safety Committee Minutes
March 10, 2006
Atlantic, Iowa

The FSC safety committee met on Friday, March 10th in Atlantic. Those in attendance were Steve Nelson, Nick Woebke, Steve Gawley, Steve Petersen, Steve Jorgensen, Steve Bruck, Jeff Chapin, Jim Robinson, and Dennis Sonnichsen.

Minutes from the January 13, 2006 meeting were handed out and reviewed. The minutes were approved as written.

Steve Gawley had attended a DOT meeting and gave a report to the committee. The DOT is getting very tough on NH3 nurse tanks. Tanks must have legible data plates in order to be used. If there is no data plate or it is not legible, the tank must be hydrostatically tested and then have some additional testing every year. Anyone welding on a nurse tank must have an R stamp. Combo units with two tanks must have a number assigned to each tank. Some other items they will be looking for are safety chains in use, proper decals, no dents, good tires, reflective tape on the back, tail lights if moved after dark. All work done on nurse tanks must be documented. Each location is to get a complete list of all nurse tanks to Steve Gawley and indicate if it has a data plate and is it legible. Lists are to be turned in by March 17.

Employees running the seed treaters will need an endorsement to their license. Seed treaters are currently in Denison, Irwin and Oakland.

Steve Nelson handed out a list of training requirements to use for all new full and part-time employees.

Steve Nelson asked that all location action plans be reviewed and updated as necessary. This would include updating names, phone numbers, etc. Site security plans also need to be reviewed and updated. If there has been any new equipment or tanks added, the plan will need to be changed and certified by RCI.

Other items of discussion-

Steve Nelson said that all vehicles hauling hazardous materials will need to have 2004 Emergency Response Guidebooks. Anything older than this is not legal. All recommendations listed in our SPCC plan books need to be complied with. Let Steve know when these have been completed. We will probably have an insurance inspection in the next week or two. Be sure all tanks are properly labeled and clean out containments before spring season. Also, be sure mini-bulks are properly secured when transporting.

The next safety committee meeting will be after spring season. Steve Nelson will let everyone know when it has been scheduled. Meeting adjourned.