

Safety Committee Minutes
March 14, 2007
Atlantic, Iowa

The FSC safety committee met on Wednesday, March 14th in Atlantic. Those in attendance were Steve Nelson, Nick Wobke, Steve Gawley, Steve Jorgensen, Keith Heim, Steve Petersen, Steve Bruck, Greg Sisco, Jim Robinson, Jeff Chapin, and Dennis Sonnichsen.

Minutes from the January 12, 2007 meeting were handed out and reviewed. Minutes were approved as written.

Steve Nelson reported that we are finishing up emergency action plans for Moorhead and Ida Grove. A haz-mat/right-to-know training session was held in Harlan during February. Any additional new or part-time employees who did not receive the training will need to be trained in house. Keep good training records for documentation. Part-time employees need to be trained before they start working. Part-time and seasonal employees can still get a temporary CDL if needed for the jobs they will be doing.

Steve Petersen reported that there were no new worker compensation or auto claims since the last meeting.

Steve Nelson reviewed chemical handling safety. Some items stressed were to go over our facilities before the season breaks and use the pre-operation checklist as a guide. Locations should have a spill drum available at chemical mixing and loading sites that would include quick dry, safety gloves, and absorbent materials for cleaning up a spill. Fire extinguishers are needed on forklifts as well as SMV signs or a flashing light if used on roads. Do not burn empty chemical jugs, instead they should be triple washed and stored in a secure area. Use tie down straps rated to handle the load being hauled, jugs must be marked and sold in the original containers with the original label, pickups hauling mini-bulks need to have a tailgate, calibrate all mini-bulk pumps and meters and install new batteries, don't let farmers load out product themselves- need an Farm Service Cooperative employee and a load-out sheet.

Other items to check are making sure the two way radios in our trucks are working, have emergency phone numbers available, floater operators must observe the speed limits, emergency response books are needed in all tender trucks.

Steve Nelson reported that we will be having an insurance inspection on March 22-23. All locations should be prepared for this. Call Bryan Blum to update site security plans with any changes needed. Site security plans need to be reviewed and signed every year. Be sure the emergency contact list is up to date with current employees, phone numbers, maps of facilities, etc.

The next meeting will be late summer. Date, time and place will be announced later. This will be mainly to set up the coming year's schedule of topics and locations. Meeting adjourned.