

Safety Committee Minutes
March 21, 2008
Harlan, Iowa

The FSC safety committee met on Friday, March 21st at the general office in Harlan. Those in attendance were Steve Nelson, Matt Davie, Chris Schram, Jim Robinson, Denny Sonnichsen, Steve Petersen, Paul Hocamp, Jeff Chapin, Steve Gawley, and Rodney Cadwell.

There was no formal safety committee meeting in February, but it was replaced by right-to-know and haz-mat training for all new employees and other employees on a three year rotating basis.

Steve Nelson stressed that all new employees including seasonal help must be trained before they start working. This should include a minimum of right-to-know, haz-mat, and NH3 safety training.

Steve Nelson reported that there have been four workman's compensation and two auto claims so far this year.

The committee then reviewed safety issues to be discussed at the branches before the start of spring season. Some items included doing a pre-season inspection of all facilities, having two sets of NH3 respirators on hand- one at the riser and another in the vicinity, having enough safety water available to get completely submersed, having rain suits, boots, gloves, and goggles available for employees and have goggles and gloves available for our customers. We should also have emergency phone numbers available in our pickups in case of an accident, some form of communication available, good safety chains, and lights on nurse tanks if used for night operations.

Other items discussed included having two-way radios and their proper use, having spill kits available at the plants and in our trucks, be sure security lights are working, calibrate all mini-bulk scales and meters, have padlocks on all storage tanks, have placards available when needed, have adequate tie-downs for all loads, and have emergency response handbooks available in all trucks. Floaters need to watch the speed limit as dictated by the tire rating, SMV signs should be on implements if traveling under 35 mph, do not use any unmarked chemical containers, be sure to triple rinse all empty containers and store them in a secure area, clean up all bulk plant containment areas and fix any leaks in the plant, and do not use mini-bulks over 5 years old.

Steve Nelson asked committee members to review and update all emergency action plans, site security plans, and risk management plans as needed. Some have become outdated because of employee changes, telephone number changes, etc.

There will not be any scheduled meetings until late summer. Date, time and place will be announced later. Meeting adjourned.