



WPAC Safety Committee October 9, 2019 Conference Call Minutes & Action Items

Recorded by Gordon Murray

Attendees:

John	Arsenault	Quebec Wood Export Bureau
Scott	Bax	Pinnacle Renewable Energy
Karen	Blomme	Princeton Standard Pellet Corporation
Jimmy	Boudreau	Canfor
Chris	Cloney	Dust Safety Science
Dustin	Meierhofer	BC Forest Safety Council
Steven	Mueller	Pinnacle Renewable Energy
Gordon	Murray	Wood Pellet Association of Canada
Jeff	Mycroft	Fike Canada Inc.
Jessica	Overton	Foothills Forest Products Inc.
Greg	Rye	West Fraser
Shahab	Sokhansanj	UBC -Biomass and Bioenergy Research Group
Cherie	Whelan	BC Forest Safety Council
Fahimeh	Yazdanpanah	Wood Pellet Association of Canada
Chris	Zuberec	BFL Canada

Call to Order & Introduction

Scott Bax called the meeting to order at 11:03am

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting are approved.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda is approved.

Discussion of Action Items

1. **Process Safety Management** – Planning is proceeding for the November 13 bowtie workshop to be held in Prince George. It was agreed to work on bowties for the following MUEs: 1. Combustible dust explosions at the size reduction hammer mill equipment/pelletizing equipment, 2. Combustible dust explosions in conveyance (any after the dryer), 3. Fire within a belt dryer. (belt dryers fired by direct contact heat and indirect heating systems such as thermal oil, and 4. Combustible gas explosion in a dryer

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or in the system downstream of the dryer/ID Fan failure. **ACTION** Fahimeh is to send out registration link as soon as possible and continue planning and execution of the workshop.

2. **HCI Monitoring and Alarm Systems** – we will hold a first quarter 2020 HCI workshop as part of the work plan. **ACTION** Gord is to flesh out a potential outline of a workshop by consulting with committee members and Jenny Colman, then include this in 2020 work plan.
3. **Plant Operator Training** – Dustin and Steve reported on progress. Consultant Greg Shorland has distributed draft competency requirements. External expertise may be needed for certain aspects such as process safety management. Steve and Greg will meet with Gerrard Messier of BCFSC on Oct 31 to flesh out learning resources. After this, the competency requirements will be distributed to the safety committee. **ACTIONS:** (1) Dustin and Steve are to review gaps in competency requirements, (2) Dustin and Steve to provide an update during next safety committee call, (3) Dustin will distribute draft competencies once they are ready.
4. **Combustible Gas & Confined Space Workshop** **ACTION** Gord is to flesh out a potential outline of a workshop for Q1 or Q2 2020 by consulting with committee members and then include this in 2020 work plan.
5. **Combustible Dust in Raw Product Storage Areas** This item is complete and now closed.
6. **Combustible Gas and Confined Space.** Dustin discussed this topic at the recent forest industry forum meeting. Dustin will be sharing with WorkSafeBC to obtain their feedback and guidance. The goal is to have occupational safety officers use the document for inspection activities. **ACTIONS** Dustin is to share document with WorkSafeBC and keep the safety committee updated on developments.
7. **Incident Reporting.** Five companies are reporting. Q1 2019 was the worst quarter with MIR 7.02 and LTF 1.79. Q1 2017 was best performing quarter with MIR 0.71 and LTF 0. More reporting would mean a better picture of industry performance. **ACTION:** Members not presently participating are to contact Cherie Whelan if they want to contribute to the benchmarking activities.
8. **Available Nitrogen Initiative.** Fahimeh shared preliminary research. There seems to be two options: one is to have a local truck filled with nitrogen, then rely on Edmonton for additional supplies, and the second is to have local nitrogen generation. **ACTION:** Fahimeh is to continue to research options and costs, then report back during next safety committee call.
9. **Forest Industry Forum.** **ACTION:** Cherie will keep the group informed after each Forest Industry Forum Meeting.
10. **Safety Sharing.** **ACTION:** Daryl Davidson will do the safety sharing in November

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.