

Minutes from February 18, 2003, VPP Steering Committee Meeting

VPP Steering Committee Minutes
Tuesday, February 18, 2003, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
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Proposed Safety Improvement Plan

Ray Sadesky and John Bumgardner presented a view graphic slide presentation of a proposed safety program they would like the VPP Committee to endorse. They had facts and figures showing accident rates in the Lab. They proposed an implementation program that would gather data, review findings and propose solutions. The initial start would be with a small core team and then roll out what they find. Then they could implement changes. Ray & John requested the VPP Steering Committee endorsement and help. After lengthy discussions, it was decided to table the endorsement until the committee members had time to read the presentation and have their questions answered.

Expo

Larry Musen reported that there is a new CD that is part of Expo to give to high schools about making choices on drugs and substance abuse. It is interactive with “yes – no” answers. There is a funding problem as two insurance companies have had to pull their support as they have had high expensed after 9-11. The Seattle Seahawks are a major supporter.

Defibrillation Units

Pat Wright indicated that his committee had met and had a proposal for how many defibrillation units would be a good number for the lab to start with and the buildings where they would be located. These units are already on the Hanford Site in use by the Hanford Fire department and other contractors. They are also used by the Search and Rescue Dive team of the Tri Cities and the Battelle electricians have been trained in their use.

Blood Pressure Monitors

Alice Ver Steeg indicated that the Blood Pressure Units were out of recording slip. The vendor had indicated that it would be a good idea to have our VPP logo on the slips to indicate where the monitors had come from. Elwood Lepel and Russ Meicenheimer will look into this.

Safety Expo

John Reck said we have an area 20 x 80 if anyone has anything they would like to place in it. Mindy Strong's group will be across the isle from us this year. John wanted to bring the "Pit Viper" which is a large back hoe to the Expo, but had transportation problems with such a large piece of equipment.

Cliff Wynn will have an area for the electrical safety committee. They will show a device for spills to detect chemicals. Also have RF tags to identify equipment. The Army is using a device that will tag land mounds. Sean Bailey is getting some robotic equipment. The grim news is this may be the last EXPO because of finances with the major companies.

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Nancy Isern she is working on the structure but has not completed that task yet.

Stop Work Cards

Drew Collins reported that ATS is developing "Stop Work Cards". These are to be used when someone actually needs to stop work for a safety reason. Maybe ask people to attach another card to badge for easy access. The focus would be on the Crafts in their safety meetings. In the self assessment, people seemed to understand their rights for stopping work.

VPP Region X

Vern Madson reported that it will be held May 7th & 8th at the West Coast Hotel. We have been approached for money for one of the presenters. We would like to support Bruce Madson on back care. Vern would like a list of those interested in attending the conference. Registration is \$140 for both days and \$80 for one day.

VPP Outreach Efforts

Drew Collins is trying to track any outreach efforts. If you talk on the phone or email any outside contacts, that would need to be documented so our report would accurately detail all outreach efforts.