



WILTSHIRE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ASSOCIATION

MEETING

Tuesday 15th March 2011
Kindly hosted by PFA Consulting, Swindon

Agenda

- 1400 AGM Business – Derek Boulton
- 1415 Environmental Management Systems Presentation – Ray White C.Env. CQP
- 1515 Break
- 1530 February DuPont Visit Feedback – Stan Akhurst
- 1600 Hot Topic: REACH – Derek Boulton
- 1630 WOSHA Update and AOB – Derek Boulton
- 1645 Close

Attendees

Stan Akhurst - Swindon Borough Council
Chris Bailey - DTR VMS
Derek Boulton - Invensys Rail
J Cartwright – DTR VMS
David Delaney - MOD
Mike Dodds - Wiltshire Fire & Rescue
Sarah-Jane French - Wiltshire Fire & Rescue
Lou Hannon – Swindon Commercial Services
Mark Hemphill - Great western Hospital
Dave King - Honda
Bob Lentell - RPJ Associated Consultants
A MacDowell - Triumph International
Jan Reynolds - White Horse Care Trust
C Taylor – Swindon Commercial Services
John Theobald - West Berkshire Council
Chris Thomas - Sureteam
Fred Tyler - Triumph International
Ray White – Aspen Business Consultants
Kath Williams - RAF Lyneham
Dick Willows - Oxford Plastics

Welcome

Derek Boulton, Chairman, opened the meeting, welcoming attendees and thanking PFA Consulting for stepping in to provide the venue at the last minute.

Guest Speaker 1 – Ray White C.Env. CQP, Aspen Business Consultants

Subject: Environmental Management Systems and Internal Audit

Link to presentation <http://www.wosha.btik.com/Media/987/WOSHA-EMS-RayWhite-March-2011.pdf>

Derek Boulton introduced Ray White of Aspen Business Consultants, and thanked him for his time and providing the presentation. Ray gave a brief overview of his background in auditing and the applicable relevant standards. He went on to describe an Environmental Management System (EMS) and what businesses need to understand to formulate an EMS. There then followed a syndicate session of a very useful interactive case study including feedback and discussion. Ray then continued the presentation outlining how effective auditing can aid improvement, focusing on various elements of auditing technique, e.g. interaction, body language. Ray's presentation finished with some top tips and a short Q&A sessions.

Guest Speaker 2 – Stan Akhurst, Swindon Borough Council

Subject: Overview of the February visit to DuPont

Stan gave a very informal overview of the February visit to DuPont, which opened up an interesting discussion on their organisation and arrangements for Safety, Health & Environment (SHE) as well as their SHE culture. There was a cross section of feedback from the floor with the focus on culture, achieving buy-in, and incident reporting; the DuPont H&S wheel (for the management of change) was highlighted as an excellent tool.

Hot Topic Speaker – Derek Boulton (Chairman)

Subject: REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation & Restriction of Chemicals)

Link to presentation <http://www.wosha.btik.com/Media/987/REACH-DB-RL-March-2011.pdf>

Derek's presentation on REACH gave an insight into the regulations and outlined the registration criteria and timelines. He outlined the interface with CLP (formerly CHIP) and COSHH, referring to an example of a new style safety data sheet showing the new labels under CLP. Derek also focused on 'downstream users' and the potential for business interruption when substances are removed.

WOSHA Business

Visit to Fire Service College, Moreton in Marsh – Ken Adams to email members with details. (Dovetails with November meeting with the Fire & Rescue Service which will be covering Fire Safety risk assessments.)

WOSHA programme for 2011-2012. the programme is in the final stages of preparation and should go to press in June. Timings for the January and November meetings would be 1000 start and the remainder 1400 start.

Scissor Lifts. Attendees were advised that the HSE Alert on Scissor Lifts would be placed on the WOSHA website.

Number of Meetings. In response to feedback with regard to raising the number of meetings, the May meeting would include a vote on raising the number from 6 to 8.

Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 17 May at WRAG Barn, Highworth. Subjects: Business Interruption and “Where we are with RIDDOR”.

AOB

The meeting was advised of two positions due to arise at Swindon Commercial Services. The Chairman would obtain further details for publicising on the WOSHA website.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting thanking PFA Consulting for their kind hospitality.