

PLANT & STANDARDS SIG MINUTES

15th April 2010

Location: Hydrex Training Centre, Derby

Minutes of ARTP meeting held in Derby 15.04.2010

Attendees

Bob Wilkes (Chairman), Phil Richardson, Bob Megson, Paul Clay, John Sayles, Alistair Fotheringham, Rob Macgregor, Jackie Judge.

Apologies

Andy Crago
Ian Pollard

1.0 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all attendees and went through the list of apologies

2.0 ERTMS

Bob Megson updated the group on the proposed use of ERTMS on the Cambrian line. For the benefit of those who were not at the last meeting, Bob quickly went through the system on the whiteboard. Bob went on to say that the proposed start date had now been postponed, he went on to say that no further date had been given for its implementation, Bob said he would keep us posted on any further developments.

3.0 COSS

Bob Megson brought up the subject of COSS re-certification, and after discussions by the group, Jackie Judge offered to ask the relevant persons and get clarification. It was stated during the discussion that if the logbook review was not undertaken in the 9 to 15 month window that the card was suspended and not taken down, once the review was logged on the NCCA Database the card would be re-activated.

4.0 OTP Sentinel Review

Jacky Judge went through the requirements of the standard review and went on to show a draft copy of the progress so far. She also went on to say that one of the requirements of the review was to align the operator scheme with the MC/CC scheme, and to make the scheme easier to understand. She said she would update the group as to progress at regular intervals.

5.0 Operator Scheme Review

The group went on to discuss an operator competency issue, raised by Paul Clay. The issue in this instance was probably a one off with regard to a Mecalac 14 with a permanently fitted with a MEWP attachment.

6.0 Harnesses

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Paul Clay gave a short explanation on the requirement for a harness with a fixed length lanyard to be used when working in a MEWP basket he went on to ask the for the groups thoughts on the supply and use of work restraint equipment for working with MEWP's. Paul stated that the use of fall arrest equipment when working in MEWP baskets was prevalent in some companies, instead of the required fall or work restraint. Paul went on to demonstrate the types and stated the requirement for harness with a fixed lanyard be used to restrain the worker in the basket, Paul went on to say that the fall arrest type could have a major issue, as the basket is not designed or drop tested and may cause a harness attachment damage or failure, also that due to the nature of the fall arrest the swing area under the basket could not be guaranteed as the MEWP may not be working at a height to allow the equipment to reach its full extent. Rob Macgregor clarified the harness requirements and the group discussed some of the issues they had encountered on site.

7.0 Issue Log update

The issue log was discussed; Jacky Judge went through the log with the group, giving explanations of the actions taken and any closures. No further issue additions were made to the log at this meeting.

8.0 AOB

Bob Megson asked a question about the requirement for a classroom to be provided for the safety critical communication element of re-certification.

Jacky Judge asked Bob to provide the required evidence via email and she would approach the relevant person for clarification.

Next meeting: 20th May 2010

If you have any queries you wish help with please let me know. We are here to serve your interests:

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