



Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting

Minutes – January 31, 2011 at 1:45 pm

Present: Bruce Mullin Management
Cindy Ault Office Representative
Pat McLean Garage Representative
Dennis Burns Garage Representative

Regrets: Lyle Ross Long-haul Driver
Marissa Swerdfeger Office Representative

Old Business:

- Workplace and Truck Inspection completed by Cindy on January 31/11.
- All items listed in the Workplace Inspection dated December 29/10 have been corrected and the bunk door and fire extinguisher in Truck 21 have been repaired (see attached work order).
- New member nominated – Dennis Burns.

New Business:

- A contest was run on Winter Driving Tips- Ken Wright was the winner of \$50.00.
- A review was made of the NO PASSENGER POLICY. Drivers have been asking about taking their children/spouses in the truck with them. KBD's policy clearly states that this is not permitted. This item will be put in the newsletter.
- Cindy will also remind everyone in the newsletter of the recent change of the speed limit through the village of Iroquois to 50 km/hour. The OPP is watching this very closely.
- Brian Cole was stopped at the scales in Watertown, NY and received a violation for the manner in which his coils were secured. Coils have always been strapped together and the DOT claims that when they are strapped together, they become one piece and would require coil bunks. Ivaco issued a letter stating that they have been in touch with the NY State DOT and that since the coils weigh less than 5,000 lbs individually therefore section 393.120 does not apply. They provided us with a letter for our drivers to carry (see attached). Further investigation is pending.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:15 pm

Date of Next Meeting: February 25, 2011

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To Ivaco Carriers,

We had recently encountered some concerns after inspectors with the NY DOT felt that Ivaco coils required coil bunks to be compliant with the FMCSA regulations. At that time I had placed calls to several people with the NY DOT. I received a call back from Sgt. Ed Schramm, NY state trooper with the DOT. He is the gentlemen apparently in charge of interpreting the FMCSA. After a lengthy discussion he has assured me that any coils under 5000lbs leaving Ivaco fall under general securing regulations and do not require coil bunks (regardless of if they are secured together on the trailer). I have emailed some photos of our common loading patterns to Sgt. Schramm to ensure that we were on the same page. I explained that we had had some issues recently that brought that interpretation in to question and he assured me that he would send out a communiqué now to clarify this with officers, and that it would be addressed at their general training meetings that are to be held January 4th, 2011. ← Feb 4?

If drivers find themselves being questioned in an inspection, they need only provide documentation to show that the coils weigh less than 5000lbs individually and therefore section 393.120 does not apply. Only when hauling 6,000lbs coils are the coil bunks required.

Hope this clarification puts this issue to rest, please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Regards,

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