

**VANCOUVER TERRITORY RUNNING TRADES
WORK PLACE HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

December 17th, 2009

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GUESTS: NIL

CHAIRPERSON: Kim Hamilton
RECORDING SECRETARY: Craig Neill
CALL TO ORDER: 09:00

Job Briefing: Performed

Errors and Omissions:
Nil

EDUCATION and AWARENESS:
VSA 260-09 Pre-departure checklist yard and road switcher

Peer Observations

Number of Observations: 1 day with 2 observations; Total to date -92
Number of At Risk: Total to date- 34

REVIEW SAFETY RULE OF THE MONTH

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CUSTOMER INSPECTIONS:
CSA-037-09 November 25 Tilbury (Kim Hamilton, Brad Thiede)

WORKPLACE INSPECTIONS
Nil

SAFETY CONDITION REPORTS

OUTSTANDING SCR (S)

SCRs elevated to items:

057 Anacis Island Switch
 055 Eng.9628 Conductors seat

SCR's Outstanding elevated to the minutes 02
 SCR's Outstanding over 30 days 02
 SCR's Received since last meeting 06

SCR's RECEIVED IN 2008/110 2009/76
 SCR's OUTSTANDING FOR YEAR: 08
 SCR's outstanding to be confirmed by unionized H&S- 04

JOINT CN/CP MEETING:

Next meeting scheduled for April 2010.

REVIEW OF SAFETY PERFORMANCE REPORT:

FRA Injury Frequency Year – To – Date as of December 9th, 2009.

Frequencies gives rate of injuries per 200,000 hours worked,
 FRA injuries are injuries that require medical treatment.

FRA Injury YTD Frequency %	
Vancouver Terminal	3.68
Commuter Rail	0
Cascade/Roberts Bank	.70
Thompson	.70

VSA Total	1.73
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<i>Frequency Target -</i>	<i>1.49</i>
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2009 COQUITLAM / ROBERTS BANK / ROAD

	PI NON FRA'S	PI FRA	NON FRA TA	FRA TAs	CRV'S
Jan	2	0	1	0	0
Feb	2	0	2	0	0
Mar	0	0	1	0	0
April	0	0	1	0	0
May	0	0	5	0	0
June	1	0	5	0	0
July	1	1	1	1	0
August	0	0	1	0	0
September	0	0	2	0	0
October	1	0	3	0	0
November	2	0	8	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0

YTD	8	1	27	1	0
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2009 VANCOUVER TERMINAL INCLUDING COMMUTER RAIL

	PI NON FRA'S	PI FRA	NON FRA TA	FRA TAs	CRV'S
Jan	2	1	10	0	0
Feb	3	0	5	0	2
Mar	1	1	3	0	0
April	0	2	3	0	0
May	2	0	2	1	0
June	1	2	5	0	0
July	0	1	3	1	0
August	4	0	6	0	0
September	0	0	6	0	0
October	3	0	7	0	0
November	0	0	2	0	0
December	0	0	3	0	0
YTD	16	6	55	2	2

YARD TRAIN ACCIDENTS/ INCIDENTS:

Incidents – 3

CRV - 0

SCRV - 0

12/02 Road switcher traveling east through K1 ran through the east end switch. **Field Ops human error cause.**

12/10 Yard crew shoved into CT20 when a glad hand on the first car jammed into the frog derailing the third car, an empty multi-platform car. **Mechanical Cause.**

12/12 Road Switcher derailed two trolley cars shoving through crossovers in Vancouver. **3rd Party MS Cause.**

YARD INJURIES:

Lost Time Injuries (LTI) - 0

Minor Injury Reports (MIR) - 0

Medical Treatment Injuries (MTI) – 0

ROAD TRAIN ACCIDENTS / INCIDENTS:

Incidents -

CRV - 0

SCRV - 0

ROAD INJURIES:

Lost Time Injuries (LTI) - 0

Minor Injury Reports (MIR) - 0

Medical Treatment Injuries (MTI) - 0

Injury Reviews Reports:

Nil.

INVESTIGATION OF SAFETY RELATED OCCURRENCES PROTOCOL: NIL

CANADA LABOR CODE PART II:

NIL

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

2008 04 03

Halcon N. Bend taxi; D. Letain / C. Neill

Item condensed see previous minutes

November 2009

A response from the Service Area Manager was submitted and is available to view. The unionized portion of the H&S committee will formally resubmit their concerns to the Policy committee.

December 2009

No update

2008-08-05

Better advertisement of Safety Issues D. Letain / K Hamilton

Placing safety related items on DOBs and placing pre-departures checklists and job aids on the RIT. It was recently noted CN was doing this on their TGB

Item condensed see previous minutes

October 2009

With the implementation of AIR “automated inventory reporting” there is an opportunity to implement safety items into the tablets. To work with AIR instructor to implement. Completion date to be at the end of November.

November 2009

The AIR instruction has begun, Mgr and union will work with Greg Pritchett to have safety message on the AIR tablet.

December 2009

Awaiting guidance from AIR team

2009-02-02

Hi Vis Back packs D Letain / C Neill

Re-introduce the original idea to design a hi vis back pack for the employees. Will check with AGO to see if anything is available.

Item condensed see previous minutes

November 2009

Back pack received, shown to RTE’s and sent to Kevin Sholes for possible distribution and subsidy consideration.

December 2009

Response from Kevin Sholes, received backpack and is progressing in Calgary.

2009-03-06

Parking of trucks and debris foul of Tilbury tracks {SCR 006-09}

Action: F Herbold / K Hamilton

Item condensed see previous minutes.

October 2009

Excessive vegetation still not attended to, F Herbold to investigate as a hazard still exists.

November 2009

Some improvements have been made but overall the safety concerns that were made in April were not properly addressed mostly due to the fact that they will be closing operations at year end. Inspection to be performed.

December 2009

Customer inspection done on November 25th. Minor hazards noted and cleaned up. See CSA 037-09 for details.

COMPLETE

2009-08-04

Identified track hazard conditions on C-15 to C-22 inclusive.

K Hamilton/F Herbold

Sept 2009 Update – Site inspection - Area was cleaned up by engineering, areas around switches need attention.

October 2009

The switches in the entrain and detrain areas have not been fully completed, to be re-inspected by end of month.

November 2009

Inspection made and ballast needs to be dumped around switches and working area.

December 2009

No update

2009-09-02

5mph speed restriction on yard crossovers B Thiede / K Hamilton

Sept 2009 - B/C divider speed restriction update. Train accident investigation team have completed their review and as a result a switch point protector has been installed to reduce wear on C-Divider switch when traveling west. A point guard is on order and will be installed when received. The switch point was recently painted to examine wear on switch. The speed restriction will be reviewed in the next few weeks to determine if it can be lifted.

October 2009

Work has commenced and completion will be done when point guard arrives.

November 2009

Work is ongoing.

December 2009

Point guard installed and speed restriction lifted for all routes except one. See OPR BULL BCO-297/09 VSA Speed Restriction Through Turnouts on CT-Lead in Front of Yard Office.

COMPLETE

2009-10-01 C Neill / B Thiede
Yards using Rdsotr frequency 2

November 2009

No change yard crews still assigned transfer 2 channel when using rd swt engines for yard service assignments. VIF is being retrofitted to use the Digital Trunking System this should reduce the rd. swt 2 use. Any crews spotting Viterra (Cascadia) are required to use transfer 2 frequency. Yard crews in Vancouver Terminal have the use of analog radios and should be using yard frequency 4 AAR 59 59.

December 2009

Radio shop working on VIF implementation – Date to be advised

2009-10-02 C Neill / F Herbold

Failure of locks on ergo switches.

November 2009

This applies to the Carmen locks and the ITC locks at VIF.
B Thiede to forward to MS

December 2009

Mechanical health and safety committee has been informed and will advice.

2009-10-03 K Hamilton / F Herbold

Evacuation procedure on F6 (Advanced Chemicals)

November 2009

Management has spoken with the POCO fire department and are reviewing the procedures with the designated EMS, and customer. Linda Lawrence to confirm compliance at next meeting.

December 2009

Prior to January meeting will meet with Advance Chemical and provide customer handbook

2009-10-04 K Hamilton / D Letain

H1N1 prevention on all engines

Disinfectant wipes have been supplied in the booking in room and should be used as required. A supply will be maintained by the employer.

December 2009

As above.

COMPLETE

2009-10-06 J Hnatiuk / D Letain

Locomotive seats refitted and marked with “red dot” reported as failing (CP 8776)

November 2009

Some seats have been missed in the recall of these seats with failures are still being found, CP9816 has been one of the most recent failures.

CP 8776 has been repaired.

December 2009

Mechanical is tracking locomotives location for immediate attention.

2009-10-08 J Hnatiuk / B Thiede

Proof of air brake test compliance and the use of the crew to crew form on road switchers if a #1a brake test has been applied.

B Thiede will issue a informational bulletin that a written confirmation is required by crew members while on duty, this will be supplied by either tower staff or a #1A by the crew or a transfer movement brake test.

December 2009

OPR BULL BCO-288/09 VSA Change to Crew to Crew Form and Brake Status Guide issued.

2009-11-01

Backing trains up at Martinson, Yale sub J Duggan / D Letain

November 2009

Bulletin to be issued on Martinson job aid, presentation being performed at RQ.

December 2009

Job aid has been prepared and further discussion will take place.

2009-11-02

Water Quality at North Bend J Hnatiuk / D Letain

November 2009

Sign posted at bunkhouse advising poor water conditions, reconfirm through city.

December 2009

Halcon advised water is clean and signs are removed. Regional district did not advise that water was an issue.

A request will be made that only official advisories be posted in the future.

COMPLETE

2009-11-03

Blue Flags being dropped by unauthorized employee. P Stewart/ B Thiede

In extenuating circumstances is there a provision that will allow a class of service different from the one that displayed a blue flag to remove it?

December 2009

Situation reviewed with Mechanical and no violation of any rule.

COMPLETE

2009-11-04

Crews being instructed to take a train that has an obstructed view from the operating cab at Boston Bar. J Hnatiuk / D Letain

November 2009

Investigation is occurring and a request has been made for the tapes of the conversation.

December 2009

NMC is investigating.

NEW BUSINESS

2009-12-01 P Stewart / F Herbold

N-18 / 19 Manhole cover hazard not being done in a timely manner

2009-12-02 J Hnatiuk / D Letain

Doubling over length trains out of Coquitlam blocking crossings. December 3rd 223 car grain train 13,223 feet. Blocking Pitt river bridge and Kennedy rd Pitt Meadows for 60 minutes.

2009-12-03 J Hnatiuk / D Letain

The instruction of changing off at the station. Looking for clarity on CN trains. RE; BCO-294/09

2009-12-04 P Stewart / F Herbold

N-18 w/e switch removed, red flag in track with no mention of these restrictions in the DOB.

2009-12-05 P Stewart / F Herbold

The confiscation of Port Passes by security guards at the Renfrew entrance.

2009-12-06 C Neill / B Thiede

Why was the purchase of the JEM radios made prior to an effective safety analysis. OPEN DISCUSSION;

Danny Letain

Discussed the successes thus far of 2009 and we have a good plan going forward in 2010. He thanked all employees for their efforts.

The IMS bad orders are coming off Cascade Sub. in the next week from Nicomen, Harrison Mills, Old Ruby Creek and Yale.

Don't let your guard down and please ensure you are extra vigilant during the upcoming months while at work, and while at home and driving your vehicle.

All the best to everyone during the upcoming Holiday Season.

Kim Hamilton

It would be appreciated if the local managers could look into get a better spray cleaner for the locomotives.

Craig Neill

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas.

Pat Stewart

Happy New year and have a Merry Christmas.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS C Neill, Pat Stewart/ B Thiede, B Galloway

Replacement parts are on order for the defective JEM radios.

Analog frequencies should be checked prior to shift start to ensure the capability of making an emergency transmission.

FATIGUE COUNTER MEASURES SUB COMMITTEE: J Hnatiuk / D Letain

Response to a TCS violation is being drafted to Transport Canada.

WESTCOAST EXPRESS SUB COMMITTEE C Neill / Mel Schille

No report

VIF SUB COMMITTEE: C Neill

G Ranson for C Neill

No report.

There will no longer be a representative from the TCRC attending the VIF meetings as requested by the local managers.

Coast Meridian Overpass Safety Sub Committee: C Neill /B Zeglinski

Coast Meridian November Update:

Safety: There were two minor injuries one SNC employee slipped on the bridge deck minor injury to back and hip, another SNC employee struck his head on a corner of a ladder when the ladder blew over in high winds.

There was two incidents where SNC an employee went to work on the X-Lead without proper flag protection, the employee was removed from site and SNC did a formal investigation.

Findings reviewed with ES and Zig , and further review done with SNC staff still working on railway property for track protection.

The other incident was that some slurry and sledge from deck pours were getting through the bridge deck, CPR and SNC reviewed the present method and although small amounts CPR wanted a fail safe system. SNC came back with a further sealing system for all concrete pours and Bridge spotters were used during deck pours as well same process as deck panel installation. For the balance of the month since SNC did the extra precautions nothing at all got through the bridge deck to the end of November.

The deck panel installation ended November 21st, and the side walk panel installation just completed on December 5th. All the major deck panel concrete pours are complete. There are smaller what they call stitch pours which is just pouring concrete in between the locations that were not done for the road deck pours. They are completing the side walk pours through the end of November and into December. This is followed by spot pours to close in the cable stays at the bridge deck levels and other areas as required.

The drainage work has begun working from the north abutment heading south, a special stripping buggy has been installed on the west side of the bridge to install the drainage and one will be installed on the east side of the bridge as well. Between pier 5 and pier 4 the contractor has been using man lifts to install some of the pipe until the stripping buggies are installed and certified.

We have also gone through a fail safe system with the contractor for installing the drainage pipe where the plastic pipes are tied off and supported along with a platform for the pipe to drop on in case of total failure. The bridge spotters will monitor this work as well from the bridge deck.

We had the mechanical Health and Safety Committee members come up on the bridge deck for a visit if any of your committee members still wishes to have a visit of the bridge deck and activities of the contractor please contact me.

The fencing is planned to start mid December from the north and work south, the drainage has to be installed first so this may be delayed if inclement weather hits.

All the scaffolding has been taken down at all the piers a site inspection took place with the CPR and SNC before any final sign off, the signage for pier locations will be taken down. The contractor is in the process of getting out of the diesel shop area and remove the scaffold in that area up to the bridge deck. A inspection with the diesel shop will follow prior to signing off, the entrance on the X42 roadway will be removed from this location as well.

Zig's office number 604-944-5709 just leave a note if my voice mail kicks in.

Thanks
Zig

YARD MAINTENANCE SUB-COMMITTEE: P Stewart / F Herbold
No report

SPILLS IN YARD

B-15 , 8 cars from e/e

B-11, 15cars from e/e

B-12 e/e
B-13
B-15 e/e
B-16 e/e
X-24
X-28
X-29
X-34 8 cars from w/e

B -18
B-19
X-23

December 2009
No update

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST SUB-COMMITTEE – J Duggan / B Thiede

December 2009
VSA 260-09 Pre-departure checklist yard and road switcher

YARD ENGINE SUB-COMMITTEE C Neill / F Herbold
No report

SAFETY FRAMEWORK ACTIVITY UPDATES

Updated

Health and safety Schedule 10 tracking document

To be updated

Planned Activities WP&CS for December 2009

NIL

Work place inspections:

.NIL

ADJOURNED: 15:50

RUNNING TRADES WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE


Danny Letain
Co-chair


Kim Hamilton
Co-chair

Next regular meeting for the H&S Committee will be held Wednesday **January 27th 2010** at 0900 on the 2nd floor, boardroom of the Coquitlam Yard Office.