

November 7, 2013

TO : DOE Local Executives
National Executive
National and Regional EO Representatives

RE : **Environment Canada National Joint Occupational Health and Safety Policy Committee (DOE NJOHSPC) Meeting of November 7, 2013**

The Environment Canada National Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee met on November 7, 2013 with Brother Mark Gilchrist, Regional Vice-President, Prairies and Northern Region and Sister Manon Desormeaux, Service Officer, participating. The following represents a summary of the issues addressed.

Respiratory Protection Guide

The department made a presentation of the Respiratory Protection Guide 2013, a copy of which is provided for your information.

Effects of proposed C-4 Bill

UEW raised concerns of C-4 Bill that was tabled and what it will mean for the members. Furthermore, UEW noted its concerns of the definition of "danger" and "imminent risk". The department noted that it is premature for the committee to make recommendations and to wait until more information from Treasury Board is provided to move forward. The Committee agreed to have a standing item to continue to share as more information becomes available.

Should you have any questions or concerns relating to the above, please do not hesitate to communicate with the national office.

Submitted on behalf of the national office