

May 28, 2012

TO: Locals - DOE  
National Executive  
National and Regional E.O. Representatives

RE: **DOE NJOHSPC Meeting of May 15, 2012**

The DOE National Joint Occupational Health and Safety Policy Committee met on May 15, 2012 with Brother Mark Gilchrist, Regional Vice-President, Prairie and Northern Region, and Sister Manon Desormeaux, Service Officer, attending. Below is a summary of the discussions that took place during this meeting.

### **Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)**

UEW has raised concerns at all levels that AEDs are not readily available. UEW recommended reviewing the Departmental Policy to ensure provisions are contained therein to ensure that AEDs can be acquired easily.

The Committee will look at what changed since 2002 (i.e., the price of the equipment, training already being provided, maintenance) and a sub-committee will subsequently be formed to develop recommendations. The goal would be to have a proposal to the Deputy Minister for his review and approval in the near future.

### **Environment Canada OHS Policy**

The Committee noted that the Environment Canada OHS Policy is very outdated. The Committee will review and offer its comments to Corporate OHS before the next meeting and will make recommendations. The Committee is of the opinion that many aspects, including violence in the workplace, should be reflected in the Policy.

### **Use of Commissionaires as First Aid attendants under the EC Building First Aid Program**

Following a Regional Meeting, this issue was raised by the Ontario Region. The question on the use of Commissionaires as First Aid attendants under the EC Building First Aid Program was posed to Labour Canada. Labour Canada's response was that the use of Commissionaires was permissible to complement but not replace the EC First Aid attendants. However, the Committee will be doing a further review since contracting is involved.

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