

December 8, 2010

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

RE: **DOE NJOHSPC Meeting of November 24, 2010**

The DOE National Joint Occupational Health and Safety Policy Committee met on November 24, 2010 with Sister Manon Desormeaux, Service Officer, attending. Below is a summary of the discussions that took place during this meeting.

Bottled Water Policy

The Department provided an overview with respect to the Bottled Water Policy and advised that the Policy is in the process of being approved. There will be a review of the Policy every three years.

In response to the Department's request for comments on the Bottled Water Policy, UEW did provide comments and indicated that it was disappointed that the comments provided by bargaining agents were not taken under consideration. UEW further noted that it had not received a copy of an updated draft Policy.

With respect to the testing of the water, the Department is testing the water on an annual basis to be consistent with the PWGSC protocol. UEW raised concerns about the water being tested only once a year. In response to UEW's question about whether or not the Local OHS Committees had been made aware of the results, the Department indicated that this was the case and also noted that tracking is done manually.

The Department responded that it will manage the risk versus the cost. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of the buildings have been tested and no problems were detected.

Corporate OSH will look into the feasibility of having an annual testing report and there will be future discussions at the National OHS Committee.

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

Yours fraternally,

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