

October 13, 2009

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

RE: **DFO National Policy Health and Safety Committee (NPHSC)**

The DFO NPHSC met on September 24, 2009. Brother Terry Fanning , RVP, NCR, attended the NPHSC meeting held at the CCG base in Prescott, Ontario. Sister Paula Dignan Service Officer, attended via teleconference. Below is a summary of issues discussed

Review of Actions

Noise levels on CCG ships was discussed. NPHSC members requested that the reports be available to all staff to review when ships are assessed.

Part XX of the *Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations – Violence Prevention in the Work Place* -- There will be a detailed briefing at the February NPHSC meeting to go over the requirements for training mandated by Treasury Board.

Monitoring – Supervisor Training

Regions have improved their training statistics and have provided rationales for non-compliance. The next OSH Advisors' meeting will focus on increasing both workplace OSH meeting and inspection compliance.

DFO Safety Management System

A Quebec Regional OSH Advisor is now working on the DFO Corporate OSH Program; i.e., updating the LCM (*Loss Control Manual*). Committee members unanimously agreed to change the name of the LCM to the DFO Health and Safety Manual. The intent behind renaming the Manual is to facilitate a better understanding of the purpose and to have easier access and use of the information available in the Manual.

Hazard Prevention Program (HPP)

A review of the *Hazard Prevention Program – Guide for Managers* – will be discussed by National OSH Advisors at the upcoming OSH Advisors' Workshop.

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DFO has its own website with Questions and Answers on its Pandemic Plan.

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Should you or anyone in your Local have any questions regarding the above issues, please do not hesitate to communicate with the UEW National Office.

Yours fraternally,

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