

February 26, 2009

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

RE: **NRCan National Policy Committee on Health and Safety**

The NRCan National Policy Committee on Health & Safety met on February 16, 2009. Brothers Nick Humphreys, Regional Vice-President, BC/Yukon Region, Chuck Davis, Regional Vice-President, Ontario Region, and Jim McDonald, Service Officer, attended. Below is a brief summary of discussions that took place.

**Updates:**

1. **Prevention of Violence in the Workplace Policy:** NRCan is developing the implementation strategy and training plan and has suggested that this topic be incorporated into NRCan's mandatory "harassment" training.
2. **EVAP Support for Employees with Family Members Serving Overseas:** Corporate OSH will be sending a memo to all OSH Committees outlining the department's support to employees affected and will provide a list of DND resource centers available to them.

**New Business:**

- **OSH Program Briefing to DMC:** An OSH Compliance Profile was presented and approved at DMC. Compliance re: mandatory OSH training will be delivered by Sector OSH representatives and tracked on "Peoplesoft".
- **AEDs:** NRCan will be engaging a consultant to develop and submit a report/recommendation with respect to the use of AEDs at NRCan to the Executive Committee for approval. Further discussion will take place.
- **New NRCan Work Locations:** Corporate OSH will monitor relocations of NRCan worksites to ensure that the "Senior Building Emergency Manager" is identified at each location and that a Local OSH Committee is established at each new worksite housing 20+ employees. UEW requested that local consultation take place prior to any relocation of a worksite to ensure any local concerns are addressed.
- **Annual Committee Review:** All OSH committees have been operating as per the CLC with the exception of "55 Murray" which has been suspended pending the relocation of this worksite in April 2009.

- **Radon Testing:** UEW noted the nation-wide Radon Testing in government buildings by Health Canada. UEW believed that prior notification of this undertaking should have been given to this Committee.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2009 (time and location to be determined)

Should you have any comments or concerns regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with the national office.

Yours fraternally,

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