

MSO Advisory Committee Meeting #3 – Van Nuys

January 30, 2014

(The following is a review of the discussions transcribed from an audio recording)

Meeting called to order at approximately 9:05 AM by chairperson Steve Hart.

Division Opening Remarks

Welcomed our Southern California Committee Members and reviewed the purpose and progress of the Advisory Committee thus far.

John Leahy gave a brief review of what has happened in the intervening 3 weeks since the last meeting and explained that the gray sections have been agreed to.

Reviewed the previously-discussed sections. Got agreement on the definitions: “appurtenant”, “barrier”, “conveyance”, “combustible”, “fire-resistant hydraulic fluids”.

Explained how batch plants are treated by the Cal/OSHA mine inspector.

Recommendation made by Stan Rhyu to confine Classifications to Non-Gassy and Gassy, even though Labor Code would allow “Potentially-Gassy” and “Extra-Hazardous”. John was asked to clarify how often Mine Pre-jobs would be held. We will also try to settle the issues concerning flammability and fire-proof construction at the next meeting.

Steve reversed his position and agreed to acknowledge the new Federal system of MSD information.

We are continuing to try to define “Haul Vehicle”—will attempt to finalize at next meeting.

Making good progress on the definitions of ramps, inclines, shafts, inclined shafts, etc. We will rewrite and try to reach agreement at next meeting.

Deleted the definition of “Return Air Course” as it is a coal-mining term.

Rob Frashefski left the Committee some information on Refuge Chambers.

Finalized the definition of “Safety Can”.

Reports to the Mining and Tunneling Unit: had a general discussion on how to make reports to the M&T Unit. The Division specifies telephone notification of fatalities, serious injuries, serious illnesses, imminent hazards and other urgent matters—these telephone messages will be passed to M&T Personnel much more quickly, even on weekends and after hours. Routine notifications (mine closures, requests for classification & prejob requests) may be additionally made to an M&T District Office by FAX or E-Mail.

Introduced the concept of 4-hour reporting to the Mining and Tunneling Unit—large discussion—many stakeholders wanted to see a 2-hour reporting requirement. Will re-propose at next meeting as a 2-hour requirement. Further discussion on the specific list of what needs to be reported surrounded the specific language, which seems to be too broad. Division will tighten up the language and re-propose the list next time.

The Committee was not comfortable with repeating regulations from other sections of Title 8. Henceforth, if we propose a change to these orders, there should be a reason that can be articulated and discussed.

The section on Safety Programs needs to be rearranged and vetted with Section 3203 of the GISO...will rewrite and re-propose at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Next meeting to be in Sacramento on 2-19-14, 9 AM to 4 PM.