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GENERAL INDUSTRY SAFETY STANDARDS COMMISSION MEETING

April 7, 2009--9:30 a.m.
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Emerald Room
187 Monroe Avenue, Grand Rapids

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Dwayne Betcher
Mr. William Borch
Ms. Jennifer Ewing
Ms. Elizabeth Koto
Ms. Regina Meo
Mr. Thomas Pytlik

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. AJ Hale
Mr. Karl Heim
Mr. Jeffrey Radjewski

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Mr. John Brennan, Director GISHD
Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle, Program Manager, MSS
Mr. Louis Peasley, MTSD
Mr. Adrian Rocskay, GISHD
Ms. Christine Hundt, MSS

VISITORS ATTENDING:

Ms. Cynthia Hutchens-Smith, Lansing Area OSHA Director
Mr. Craig Churchick, Kelly Services
Ms. Debbie DeRooy, Multi-Packaging Solution
Mr. Jim Fisk, USWA 12075
Mr. David Kasab, Kelly Services
Mr. Russell Niedzwiecki, Morrison Industrial
Mr. David Sidlar, Kelly Services

MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE GENERAL INDUSTRY SAFETY STANDARDS COMMISSION IS TO PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP AND VISION NECESSARY TO ENSURE A SAFE WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN.

THE COMMISSION INVOLVES EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFETY STANDARDS AS IT ENDEAVORS TO CONTINUALLY EXAMINE AND IMPROVE THOSE STANDARDS FOR PURPOSE, CLARITY, APPLICABILITY, ENFORCEABILITY, AND COST EFFECTIVENESS.

OUR VISION IS TO BE A RECOGNIZED LEADER IN SAFETY FOR THE WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN BY INCORPORATING THE CHANGING NEEDS OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND METHODS INTO OUR STANDARDS.

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Agenda Item #1--Call to Order and Roll Call

The April 7, 2009 General Industry Safety Standards Commission meeting was called to order by Commissioner Tom Pytlik. Commissioner Pytlik welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the Commission's Chair and Vice Chair were unable to attend; therefore, as the senior past officer he would be chairing the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Mr. Jeffrey Woods, Chairman of the Board of the Michigan Safety Conference, welcomed everyone to the safety conference.

All of the Commissioners, MIOSHA staff, and visitors introduced themselves.

Agenda Item #2--Approval of Minutes for the January 14, 2009 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Borch and was seconded by Commissioner Betcher to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2009 Commission meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Item #3--Standards Section Update--Marsha Parrott-Boyle

Ms. Parrott-Boyle informed the Commission that two standards had recently become effective: Construction Safety Standard Part 29 Communication Towers and Occupational Health Standard Part 511 Temporary Labor Camps.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle reviewed the new strategic plan for FY09-13 and the goals that had been established for FY08-09. She discussed the work currently done on the proposed ergonomics standard, the proposed diisocyanates standard, and the proposed recommendations for greater latex glove protections. Ms. Parrott-Boyle continued with a detailed progress report for all rules under revision.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle reviewed the changes the Commission had approved at their November 2008 meeting regarding Commission Policies and Procedures which included updating the open meetings act reference, addressing individuals serving on both a commission and an advisory committee and incorporating the recently adopted telephone and video conference guidelines.

Agenda Item #4—GISHD Update—John Brennan, Division Director

Mr. Brennan updated the Commissioners on the Division's progress towards relevant strategies and performance goals. He reviewed a significant enforcement case at New Center Stamping in Detroit which resulted in \$102,060 in proposed penalties for failing to protect employees from safety and health hazards. Mr. Brennan went on to discuss special initiatives which includes the GISHD safety officers and industrial hygienists continuing to conduct joint inspections and a continuing tree trimming initiative.

GISHD is continuing to develop new fact sheets which will be posted on the MIOSHA website. Current GISHD partnerships include the UAW/Ford partnership and the Michigan Sugar Company partnership. Mr. Brennan stated that staffing levels for GISHD are 26 safety compliance officers, 21 health compliance officers, and 2 field investigators for the Employee Discrimination Section. Two safety officers, an Employee Discrimination Section secretary, and a word processor position were recently filled.

There have been two program related fatalities thus far for 2009 for general industry. One fatality involved a maintenance employee being pinned between a lathe and a wall. The other fatality involved an employee being struck in the head when a bus brake system line exploded.

Agenda Item #5--Old Business

None.

Agenda Item #6--New Business--FY2009 MIOSHA CET Grants—Louis Peasley, MTSD

The CET Grant program provides additional options for safety and health education and training to employers and employees. Twenty statewide projects include a wide range of training activities and proficiency levels. Many of the grants offer interactive computer-based training modules and may include text, video, interactive questions, and retention testing. CET Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations such as management/employer groups, labor/employee organizations, universities, hospitals and service agencies.

FY 2009 CET grant recipients with a general industry emphasis include: the AFL-CIO of Michigan; Bay De Noc Community College; the Center for Workplace Violence; Lansing Community College Fire Fighters; the Michigan Farm Bureau; Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice; Parents for Student Safety Employment Standards; the Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union; and the United Auto Workers. A complete list of grant recipients can be found at: http://www.michigan.gov/dleg/0,1607,7-154-11407_15317_15346-128573--,00.html.

Agenda Item #7--MIOSHA Update—John Brennan

Mr. Brennan stated that during these tough economic times, MIOSHA is trying to help employees in these ways: by offering a 10% reduction in penalties in certain instances and has easy payment plans, allowing for an increased amount of CET publications free of charge, having more pre-hearings and hearings in district offices, and waiving FOIA charges in some cases.

Mr. Brennan also stated that MIOSHA will be doing focused inspections and is streamlining its approach for targeting priority lists. He also brought attention to a flier that announces the 2009 "Take a Stand Day" event which will be held on August 26. Mr. Brennan informed the Commissioners that he is retiring from state employment within a month and expressed his admiration for the work of the Commission.

Agenda Item #8--OSHA Update—Cynthia Hutchens-Smith, Lansing Area OSHA Director

Ms. Hutchens-Smith noted that the new U.S. Secretary of Labor is Hilda L. Solis. There currently is no Assistant Secretary. The Acting OSHA Director is Donald Shalhoub. They anticipate an appointment by summer.

OSHA announced the withdrawal of an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for occupational exposure to food flavorings containing diacetyl (popcorn flavoring). The withdrawal will facilitate the timely development of a standard to protect workers from bronchiolitis obliterans, a serious and potentially fatal lung disease associated with such an exposure.

OSHA has revised its Field Operations Manual to provide OSHA compliance officers with a single comprehensive resource of updated guidance in implementing the agency's mission to more effectively protect employees from occupational injuries, illnesses and fatalities.

OSHA published a new guidance document, [Assigned Protection Factors](#) (APF), which provides employers with vital information for selecting respirators for employees exposed to contaminants in the air.

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OSHA has renewed its alliance with the Tree Care Industry Association which continues focus on safety hazards from tree care and removal. Ms. Hutchens-Smith indicated further OSHA activities can be found at www.osha.gov.

Agenda Item #9--Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission will be on July 15, 2009 at the General Office Building in Lansing.

Agenda Item #10—Public Comment

Mr. Jim Fisk of USWA 12075 stated that he will miss Mr. John Brennan and his fatality reports. Mr. Fisk continues to try to raise awareness of back injuries, and his daughter is trying to increase the use of hard hats at her place of work.

Mr. Russell Niedzwiecki of Morrison Industrial stated that powered industrial truck training for employees is worth the cost and time and that this training should be highlighted more.

Agenda Item #11--Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Borch and was seconded by Commissioner Meo that with no further business before the Commission, the meeting be adjourned. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

<u>Tom Pytlik</u>	<u>7-15-09</u>
Mr. Tom Pytlik, Commissioner	Date

****Minutes were reviewed and approved at the July 15, 2009 meeting.****