



Local 3657

Health, Safety and Environment Committee September 2016 Report

Air and Water Quality

- *Copies of lab results from all but the February Legionella testing – still not received. It has been 2 months since we were told that the administration would release the employee exposure reports to our local union as required by OSHA*
- What is the protocol and schedule for future testing?
- Were the utility sinks, boiler tanks and water fountains tested?
- Has there been any advancement made in replacing the sink aerosols with units that do not spray?
- We request that EAP provide team-building training for this joint Safety and Health Committee.
- At least 5 members of USW local 3657 have been tested for legionella to date. The results of those tests are unknown. Members who ask HSE committee members are told that we believe that they might have been exposed to Legionella sero groups 1 and 5.
- GARAGE FUMES: On Tuesday, September 27, 2016 fumes from painting in the garage

entered the building. There were complaints from the print shop. There were reports of breathing difficulties and burning eyes. One member saw spots. One member went home within twenty minutes. The health and safety committee investigated and discovered the floor in the garage was being painted and cement was being poured. There were complaints of the smell throughout the building and several members had breathing difficulties, sore throats, burning eyes and headaches. Other members reported dizziness. Some members that didn't go home reported feeling chest tightness and sore throats after leaving building. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) were requested. The construction manager provided sheets on urethane primer hardener to the building manager and the health and safety committee got a copy. The garage door was closed during this time so the only way out for the fumes was up into the offices. The main fan in the garage was not to be hooked up until next week. Health and safety was consulted. An email later went out from the International President indicating that there was confusion, the fumes were harmless but people could go home if bothered by the odor. New SDS sheets were requested of Jen Pfeifer to alleviate confusion over harm.

- Our local should have advance notification including Safety Data Sheets (SDS) when potentially toxic or hazardous chemicals are to be applied or used in our workplaces.
- A survey will be circulated to the members to determine how many left work and what impact the cement sealer paint had on them.

ADA Compliance

- We need to have remainder of the building inspected and evaluated for compliance Floors 3, 5,6(?),7,8,9,10 and 12 were not covered in the inspection of March 2015
- The railing on the temporary accessible ramp is loose.

Garage Renovations

- There are continued problems with the building ventilation system
- Complaints about dirty air vents causing health problems- need for cleaning. Have the vents been cleaned since our last meeting in March?
- Request for continued air monitoring during renovation/remodeling
- Request updated schedule for completion of project.

Emergency Preparedness – The list provided to us at the June Joint Safety and Health Meeting was not actually updated; only the date was changed

- Fire and medical emergency procedures need to be updated
- Evacuation Assistance list has not been updated since 2014
- Annual training?
- Need after-hours and weekend procedures, including how to determine that building is empty?

October committee meeting

The HSE committee will be meeting noon-1 PM on Friday, October 21st in the Local Union office. If your department is not represented in our committee listed below, then we need you to be a part of it. Please join us!

USW Local 3657 Health, Safety and Environment Committee, September 2016:

Steffi Domike, convener (Education)
 Deb Edwards (Collective Bargaining)
 Janet Hill (Collective Bargaining)
 John Lepley, ex-officio (Education)
 Julie Lidstone (Collective Bargaining)
 Lynda Nathenson (Political)
 Sharon Thompson (Health & Safety)