

ECHO Meeting January 12, 2012

Brian Bailey opened the meeting at 10:05 with introductions and announcements. There were 10 people in attendance from PCC/Litton, Koppers, Metro, Tarr LLC, TCI America, Univar, CertainTeed, Galvanizers, and Siltronic. Bob Happel of Portland Fire Bureau arrived at the end of the meeting. The agenda for the meeting was to plan for speakers for the coming year.

Announcements:

CertainTeed is still working on their very large solar array which will reduce (over time) 500 thousand tons of greenhouse gas emissions to power their plant. This will save \$1.2 million over 2 years.

TCI America is developing an east coast warehouse in Philadelphia nearer the pharmaceutical companies. Since they make reagent chemicals, they have been somewhat recession proof and are weathering the downturn well.

Metro has a new problem stemming from the city's kitchen garbage composting facility. Thousands of sea gulls have arrived and have reeked some havoc on the compost facility structures. To respond, Metro rented a couple of falcons (along with their humans) that respond to whistle signals. The seagulls are not too happy about the predator birds. The falconer lost one of the falcons but it was found near Scappoose.

PCC is busy now that industry has slowed down. People are going back to school which is a typical reaction to slow times.

Siltronic has had only 4 OSHA recorded injuries in 2011, one bad one with a robot: Brian described the accident as a lesson to all.

Brian found a place to learn about what kills people in industry: the OSHA Fatality reports on the Federal OSHA website. https://www.osha.gov/dep/fatcat/dep_fatcat.html Larry cautioned people to make sure there are dead legs in piping to avoid broken (frozen) pipes at this time of year.

Multnomah LEPC update: going to quarterly meetings; Jim Swayze is stepping down from the Chair and Brian Bailey has stepped in to take his place. Karen Reynolds of Mt. Hood Community College will take Brian's place as Treasurer. The LEPC Executive Committee and committee chairs will meet at Alpenrose on January 20th.

If the LEPC or ECHO want to find funds for projects, companies like Univar and Siltronic can make donations for specific applications through an employee who will sponsor the project. For example, to attend the GOSH Conference or the water school – water treatment training conference with many classes on safety and environmental management.

Brian described the difficulties of fork lift training, for example. Fork lift trainees need mentors and there are too few people to keep this covered. CertainTeed has a fork lift rodeo to train and interest employees in avoiding accidents.

Suggestions for speakers on topics including: Hazmat regulations; CSB videos; EPA Region 10 speakers to talk about new regulations; storm water permits are due in March – Kim Anderson at DEQ; bomb squad to talk about how to recognize explosives; Chris Greenhill about Homeland Security; how to manage and comply with multiple regulations with 180 to 200 facilities spread across the US; Jim Pierce of OSP to talk

about highway 30. John will talk with the EPA Region 10 administrator about consultation and education programs to address a need for advice managing problems before imposing fines; storm water permits (BES?); Dave Hendricks of Multnomah.

A tentative schedule for speakers follows:

February Kari Olsen, Port of Portland

March TBA

April TBA

May TBA

June TBA

September "Remember Charlie" film

Marcus sent info to Brian about Bomb Squad, unfortunately, they have a standing meeting the same time as our. They will let us know if there is a cancellation.

John will check with Tim Anderson of DEQ.

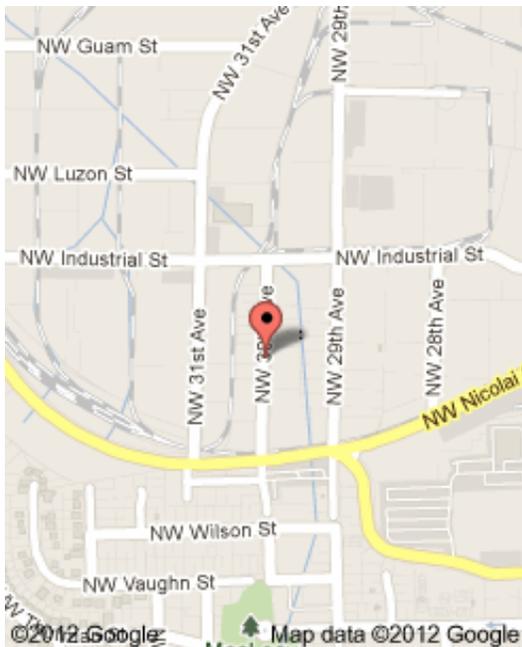
Brian will check on CSB videos.

Brian will check with Dave Hendricks of the Multnomah Drainage District.

Thank you everyone who showed up, we appreciate the input. If anyone else has an idea for a speaker, please let us know. In the future, we will go back to holding planning meetings in the spring to try and get the schedule cover before hand.

As always, Thank You Galvanizers for your continued support, tasty treats and coffee.

Our next meeting is Feb. 9th. Kori Olson from the Port of Portland will be our guest speaker.



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