

**RRT Health and Safety Subcommittee Meeting**  
**August 21, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**Microsoft TEAMS**  
**10am**

**Agenda**

- Agency Updates related to Covid19 Safety and Health
- Agency Updates (in general regarding Safety and Health)

**Minutes**

**Members in attendance: Larken Akins (OSHA), Shelly Lam (EPA) and Shanna Horvatin (EPA)**

Meeting Called to order: 10:00am

OSHA Updates:

OSHA has created internal guidance for its staff related to COVID19:

- A Strategic Approach to Pandemic Viruses that includes:
  - o Office and GOV sanitization plan
  - o Enforcement Triage Plans
  - o Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) for COVID19 inspections
  - o Internal memorandums for Region V OSHA employees
    - How to protect themselves while working in the office and field
    - Proper Fit testing of CSHOs guidance
  - o Provided face coverings, surgical masks, N95s for all Region V Staff
    - Any staff member that voluntarily wore an N95 respirator were provided and explained Appendix D of the respiratory protection standard( 29 CFR 1910.134

OSHA had an incident where a CSHO performed an inspection at a Construction. It was observed that no one at the site wore a face covering nor were they practicing social distance. The CSHO social distanced when the inspection was opened and then conducted most of his inspection from the GOV. The CSHO found out that a few days after the inspection, majority of the crew (including the employer and foreman) tested positive for Covid19 after the inspection. The Public Health Department intervened at the site. The employer now makes it mandatory that its establishment abide by CDC guidelines; initially they all believed that the Corona Virus was a hoax.

EPA Updates:

EPA has created internal guidance for related to COVID19:

- Related field guidance for COVID19 on July 6, 2020. All programs (Not just superfund) have appendices.
- Job Hazard Analysis for Covid19
- Health and Safety work group call:

- Discussed updates and Challenges related to Covid19
- Some Regions are still doing site work
  - Had a person get infected with Covid19
  - Resulted in a Safety Stand Down
  - They shut the site down until everyone got tested
  - Trying to think ahead to prevent this from happening again.
- Updating Pre-post vital documentation to include COVID19
- Working on a position paper to staff a Medical Unit Leader in ICS, specifically, for COVID19. To also provide support for workers with COVID19 and contact tracing.

An Accountability Audit is taking place on all OSC

- Looking at prescription from biological monitoring.
- Medical monitoring expired this year (that extra 6 months) and they won't be extending it.
- The clinics are re-opening. Spectrometry will not be done right now but they are doing virtual appointments for other components of the physicals.
- Updating the Fit Testing requirements due to Covid19
  - The operator will no longer be in the same room with the Portacount

Agency Updated (in general regarding Safety and Health)

It's Hurricane Season, an increase in Wildfires and Firenados. So both agencies have been busy with watching and responding to those activities.

EPA has created a long check list, built an amendment that OSC use before any field work is conducted. They look at trends amongst the different areas in a State. Anytime you go into someone's house, it gives an opportunity to let people know that its safe to go in.

EPA has conducted four different table tops but can do just about everything virtual via MS TEAMS.

EPA held a National Safety and Health Environmental Manager (SHEM) call.

- Everyone is trying to be proactive.
- Not a lot of bandwidth for anything outside of COVID.

GSA has been notifying agencies if staff were exposed or tested positive for COVID. HIPA and PII prevents people from sharing their status.

In regards to office entry/return to work:

- Phase 1, EPA did a complete shutdown and now rotating people to be able to go into the office.
- OSHA has a mandated rule that no more than 2 people are allowed in the office at a given time, unless there is prior approval from a Supervisor. Social Distancing and CDC recommendations are implemented and maintained.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47am