

NETWORK MEETING – 11th December 2009, Alcan - Lynemouth (1:00pm-4:10pm)



Meet & greet

Stewart Fullarton hosted another meeting at the Lynemouth Aluminium Smelter. Attending were Tony Chamberlain, Jim Fraser, Stewart, and Ian Rienewerf.

Networking

Legislation update – No new regulations or significant changes.

However – Jim explained some legal developments pending, including:

Test cases for the new corporate manslaughter act are going through the system at the moment. The judgements from these cases will decide case law.

A draft EU directive, to cover driving at work is in the pipeline. The directive is likely to place more responsibility onto companies who employ drivers at work.

Building refurbishment, construction & maintenance contracts will require all employees to have asbestos awareness training. (This is already a CHAS requirement)

Risk management systems – Any issues or progress with current projects.

We saw an excellent framework document which expanded the risk assessment process beyond the normal H&S criteria. It included business loss, damage to the company reputation, and financial recovery (in addition to the human consequences)

It allows the user to consider the consequences of getting it wrong – an excellent tool.

Ian stated that many method statements out there are deficient;

Some are clearly wrong, have work at height sections missing, or go to extended lengths to explain the dangers – without letting you know how to do the job safely.

In my opinion, a robust method statement (your safe system of work) has more value than any risk assessment.

Get the Method correct, the risk is eliminated, then there is no need to risk assess.

Who's doing what –

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Following a lot of hard work, Jims big project is now up and running – ADR driver training for transporting hazardous goods, and driver CPC modules.

Site tour

We all took advantage of the tour, and saw the refurbishment work being carried out.

The continuous improvement / lean manufacturing projects were evident, allowing the users to improve their own processes and take ownership of the workplace.

Next meeting - Provisionally February 2010

Ian Rienewerf - 14th December 2009