



Safety Meeting: June 21, 2010

Location: Kennewick Office

Attendees: Don Warf, Alan Brower, Darren Chase, Troy Humphrey, Scott Livingston & Jenn Nighbor

Absent: None

Recorded by: Jenn Nighbor

Agenda Items:

Previous Business:

McNary Bird Shades – Darren and Scott have installed metal shades to prevent bird waste from accumulating on electronic equipment.

BO1-BO2 – Darren sent email to Jon R. about hazards of blackberry bushes. Jon R. responded and it is on the list to maintain.

Safety Concerns – Field Locations

Prosser Left Bank – Scott was tuning a transceiver on the platform and had an incident where he was dive-bombed by swallows that were protecting their nest.

Suggestion that the platform legs may need to be cut as the working level is a big high.

Granite - Troy had a driving incident where he had to move over to shoulder to accommodate a vehicle that was passing a semi. No harm to staff or vehicle, however, everyone needs to be aware of driving conditions and drive defensively.

Lower Granite – Due to the poor road conditions it was suggested that the alternate route be used.

Granite Juvenile – There is equipment that is being stored in front of the transceiver enclosures.

Driving Safety – Drive with lights on when on the single lane roads for increased visibility.

B2J – Bonneville Full Flow – Alan had a snake crawl up into the Full Flow building when he was working on transceivers.

B2J – There are dead rodents and the floor is getting pretty unsanitary.

Question – What is the protocol if you are bitten and there is little or no phone communications?

Jenn is to look into satellite phones and what to do in the event of snakebite.

Jack Creek has limited cell service so be aware and will need to take a satellite phone.

Roza – There is a safety concern with climbing the ladder, which is right at the height limit before requiring a cage, therefore, this poses a safety concern. Please be aware of this and make a note to use the rungs and not the side rails.

- Don will pick up something to safely secure equipment up the ladder.

Safety Concerns - Kennewick Office

Kennewick Shop – There are ongoing potential tripping hazards in the shop. Don purchased orange safety cones to alert to tripping hazards for ongoing projects.

Power strips are plugged into additional power strips near the battery charging station.

- Troy will address this after the safety meeting.

Air compressor – Troy blew out the compressor and it has been about 4 or 5 months since previous blow out, and there was a larger amount of water or oil.

- This process will become automated in the future.

Equipment

- Don to purchase hard shelled knee pads.

Safety glasses/reading glasses – Don purchased glasses from Lowes.

- Prescription safety glasses are still an option for those who wish to get this type of safety glasses.

Troy, Scott & Alan will need to get steel toes.

- We have an account at Red Wing, so go and get new boots as this poses a slip/fall hazard.

Vehicles

Darren – Vehicle has a chip in the windshield and the chip is not currently in the field of view.

- Jenn to talk to Rick about chipped windshields due to road construction.

Alan – Vehicle has a crack in the windshield and the crack has not moved into the field of view.

Discussed On-Star services for vehicles and the benefits of having the support of emergency response in remote locations.

- Jenn to look into after market On-star service for work Ford vehicles.

- Jenn to look into vehicle mounted cell phone amps.

When traveling the pitevent is the last thing you do to note that you are leaving the site.

Training:

WA LNI Online Safety Training – Preventing Overexertion Injuries

Jenn reviewed the PowerPoint presentation and the Kennewick Staff discussed concerns with lifting the BCC transceiver. This is an awkward lift and two people will provide a safer way to manage the lift. If you are down there and need to swap out the transceiver the site may be able to provide an additional person to provide for safe lifting.