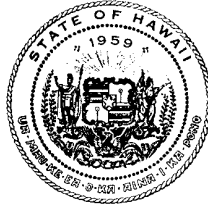


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Hoisting Machine Operator's Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, February 16, 2011
1:30 p.m.
Department of Labor & Industrial Relations Office
HIOSH Training Room
830 Punchbowl Street #425
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Tom Vendetta, Ed Sanchez , Jim Weander and Lora Contreras.
Excused: Joaquin Diaz

Guests: Audrey Hidano, DLIR Deputy Administrator; Jennifer Shishido, DLIR HIOSH Administrator; Pane Meatoga, Local 3 District Representative; Dain Kamakaala, Local 3 Director of Information; Danette Nakooka, Local 3 Crane Instructor.

Call to order

Chair Vendetta established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Introductions of new DLIR administrators and guests were introduced.

Minutes of October 20, 2010

Ed Sanchez moved, seconded by Jim Weander to approve the minutes as circulated. Minutes approved.

Director's Report

HIOSH Compliance Branch Report

Two citations were issued. Both were in violations of no current State issued hoisting machine operator certificates.

New Business – Federal OSHA Guidelines

Public Hearings for Amendments – The proposed amendments to Chapter 12-48 are on hold until federal guidelines are adopted by HIOSH. The Board must then decide whether or not to amend the existing rules to meet the Federal Standards or recommend that Chapter 12-48 be deleted in its entirety.

Ms. Shishido explained that HIOSH is expected to adopt the Federal Rules no sooner than October 2011, in order to complete an Impact Statement for review by the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, DBED. DLIR intends to adopt the federal rules with minor changes.

Chair Vendetta said the existing HMOAB rules may not be enforceable or valid (unless they are more stringent than the federal rules). The question that must be answered is, should the HMOAB continue the Hawaii Certification process or will the NCCCO certification (or equivalent) be adequate for the crane operators in Hawaii?

Ms. Shishido confirmed that DLIR preferred the board continue its work and to make amendments to its admin rules if necessary. The Board must decide on whether Hawaii should continue with the additional expense of Hawaii certification that is based solely on an operator producing his or her NCCCO (or equivalent) certificate.

After much discussion on possible amendments, the HMOAB board agreed unanimously to wait until DLIR adopts the Federal Standard before any further discussion. HIOSH will continue to enforce operator certification as required by Chapters 12-48 and 12-136.1-2, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR).

Community Concerns

HMOAB received 2 requests from organizations for approval to be included as certifying entities in Hawaii. After discussion and reviewing the documents provided by the Crane Institute of America Inc. Certification Program (CIC) and the Operating Engineers Certification Program (OECF), the board found both programs acceptable as NCCCO equivalent forms of certification under Section 12-48-6 (c), HAR.

Jim Weander moved, seconded by Ed Sanchez to approve and accept both organizations as certifying hoisting machine operator entities in Hawaii. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Meatoga commented that he believed the board should continue its important role even if the Federal Standards are adopted by HIOSH.

Announcements

Next board meeting – Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.