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RAY'S VIEW

As I write this view we are just completing our submissions to Network Rail in respect of our compliance with the new Principal Contractor Licensing system initiated by them earlier this year. This has meant yet again a complete review of our procedures.

Coming from this review it has become apparent that we need to do more to involve and integrate Sub Contractors on site who work for us and the need for them to comply with our method and safety systems as per site procedures, all on site need to ensure that this happens. Sub Contractors are our responsibility and need to be managed in accordance with the procedures in place for the project.

From the office we intend over the coming year to ensure all Sub Contractors are supplied with all necessary documentation to ensure that they can comply with our systems. We will also be strengthening our audit process to ensure compliance.

I would ask you to note the CIRAS information contained within this newsletter. It is our intention that these details will be supplied in all future newsletters to ensure that all staff are aware that they can report dangerous practices.

I am still concerned at the number of pipes and cables that we are breaking. Please ensure that you use all available drawings and information to locate cables and pipes including excavating trial holes if necessary. We are in the process of looking at various ground radar scanning systems to see if they can more accurately locate mains and sewers with trials on selected sites in the near future.

Serious Health & Safety issues arise with the damage to services and we are now reviewing our procedures to see if alterations are required to reduce or better still eliminate service damage, they are the biggest single cost in respect of public liability insurance.

In conclusion, lets hope we have a Sunny and Safe Summer this year.

Regards Ray Walker

CIRAS

Confidential Incident Reporting Et Analysis System

For those of you who work on the railway CIRAS is an alternative way to report safety concerns that they feel unable to report through company safety channels. It is a completely independent and confidential way to report safety concerns without fear of recrimination.

You can now contact CIRAS from anywhere in the UK by calling Freephone 0800 0850 449, writing to Freepost CIRAS or texting 07507 285887 (standard text rates apply)



SAFETY COMMITTEE

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It is Walker Construction (UK) Ltd's policy to have a zero tolerance concerning the improper use of alcohol and drugs. We will refer to the following for guidance:-



Our medical advisors.
The Transport and Works Act 1992.
Railway Group Standard GE/RT8070.
Network Rail Company Standard NR/CS/OHS/051.

The Company will assist with the rehabilitation of employees who voluntarily seek help for alcohol or drug related problems.

This policy will be reviewed annually, when circumstances indicate a change is needed or when legislation is introduced that affects the nature of our business necessitates change.

The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the Managing Director, assisted by members of his management team.

The Managing Director will arrange alcohol and drug screening for:-



Safety critical promotion.
Post incident investigations.
Compliance with Network Rail requirements.
Random, unannounced testing of all employees.

No training or promotion will be given until the result of testing is received and gives the desired result.

New entrants will be alcohol and drug tested before any rail work position is offered.

There will be a minimum of 5% unannounced screening carried out on a random basis throughout the year for rail staff, including as a minimum 5% of all safety critical staff.

Any rail employee who has a positive result will have their NCCA competency certificates withdrawn. The NCCA will be notified by telephone and arrangements made to cancel the certificate. All arrangements will be confirmed in writing.

All alcohol and drug testing will be carried out in accordance with Network Rail Group Standard GE/RT 8070 and Network Rail Company Standard NR/CS/OHS/051.

RECENT CONTRACT AWARDS Include



✓ Tesco, Hailsham	Longley - Kier Regional Ltd	Value: £926,436	Site Agent	Rick Fretwell
✓ M20 Operation Stack	Lafarge Contracting	Value: £274,010	Contracts Manager	Martin Watts
✓ Whitstable Road, Faversham	Fairview (Rialto Homes) Ltd	Value: £180,471	Site Agent	Gary Fuggle
✓ Godalming United Church	D W Hawkins	Value: £ 87,000	Contracts Manager	Alan Leigh
✓ Motorcycle Test Centre, 25 St Neots Road	Dovetail Architects	Value: £625,561	Site Agent	Sid Skeat
✓ Carillion, Maidenhead	Carillion Civil Engineering Ltd	Value: £338,065	Senior Site Agent	Andy Cheeseman
✓ Harrow Sub Station	Network Rail	Value: £57,575	Site Agent	Andy New

AVAILABLE TRAINING COURSES

We have places available on the following courses. If you would like to book a place please contact your Supervisor.

Safety in Excavations	11th July 2008
Scaffold Inspection	15th & 16th July 2008
First Aid at Work	15th, 16th, 22th, 23rd July 2008
First Aid Appointed Person	17th July 2008
PTS Initial	17th & 18th July 2008
Unit 002	22nd July 2008
PTS Initial	14th & 15th August 2008
Streetworks Operative	18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th September 2008
Abrasive Wheels	29th September 2008



Regards
Ann Hayes

Vehicle security

Would all drivers please make sure they remove the keys, lock all doors and close all windows before leaving their vehicle unattended.



This includes at filling stations, the paper shop, etc..., but especially on-site. You may only be 5- 10 metres from the vehicle but this has proved to be too far away.

With new keys having micro chips embedded in them insurance companies know that modern vehicles can not be started without the keys, thieves also know this and are on the look out for vehicles with the keys left in.

Leaving the keys in your vehicle invalidates the insurance, in the event of a claim, if the keys are left in the vehicle under no circumstance will we be paid out, this is common practise in the insurance industry and would be the same for your own personal vehicle.

Fuel prices

With the ever increasing price of fuel would all drivers please try and buy fuel at the cheapest price available in their area.

Supermarkets are usually the cheapest, and you can get your club points. Only ever use motorway service stations in an emergency, and then only put in enough fuel to get you to a cheaper source.





We have also seen a rise in the mis-fueling of vehicles please take extra care to ensure you are filling up with the correct fuel for your vehicle, if unsure what fuel your vehicle uses please ask the Workshop prior to driving the vehicle.



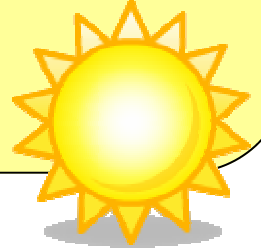
Regards
Andy Pilcher

Look After Yourself This Summer

Working outside in the sun without taking precautions increases your chance of developing skin cancer. Those with fair or freckled skin or red/light coloured hair are most at risk. However, everybody should be particularly careful, especially in the middle of the day. You can protect yourself by:

-  Staying out of the sun as much as possible.
-  Keeping your skin covered with long sleeved shirts, trousers and a hat.
-  Protecting uncovered areas with sunscreen (SPF 15+).
-  Checking for skin abnormalities and getting medical advice if you find anything unusual.

*Regards
Chris Gadd*



QUALITY & ENVIRONMENTAL

The Water industry Registration Scheme approval is taking rather longer than originally expected. Training has now been completed and "Water Passports" applied for.

The Rail Link Up audit took place in early June and received commendations from the auditor - that doesn't happen very often in the rail industry.

New Legislation came into effect on April 6th this year entitled "The Site Waste Management Plans Regulations 2008". This requires all contracts commencing after July 1st this year, and having a value of more than £300K, to have a SWMP. This should be produced by the client, or client and Principal Contractor which will often be Walker Construction. The plan will be used to determine how much waste will be produced and how it will be re-used, recycled or disposed of. Measurements will have to be recorded until contract completion, after which calculations will be made to compare the actual cost of waste disposal using the SWMP versus the expected cost without a SWMP. This is obviously the next phase following the need to "Treat Waste" prior to disposal.

Our Company Objectives for Environmental Matters have been set as follows:



- Continue with the initiative to reduce the amount of miles travelled.
- Recruit more local Labour.
- To monitor the segregation of waste on site and to do Site Waste Management Plans in line with April 2008 legislation.
- Check 40 Sites per year – Out of hours.
- Continue to review environmental procedures to improve on aspects and impacts.
- Integrate Walker Coatings Division within our Company Procedures.

Did you know that the Construction Industry produces 1.4 Tonnes of waste per head of year? So where does it all go?

Do you know what a Carbon Footprint is?

Where is the next wind farm being built?

Answers next time!!

*Regards
Norman Hollamby*



the UK population every

NEWS & VIEWS

If you wish to contribute articles to the Newsletter in respect of the core subjects - Please forward to Sue Sharman.

