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2008/01/31	2008161290021	4

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200575	007	841110	1.76	0.75

*The Time Recorded reflects only that time which has been charged to this inspection up until the document was printed for delivery. Subsequent time may be added for additional activity related to this inspection.

Number of Workers	Project Number	Site Visit Date
2 - 10		2008/01/29

Lab Samples Taken	Direct Readings	Results Presented	Sampling Inspection(s)
N	N	N	

Head Office	Job Site
EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES COMMISSION PO BOX 9639 STN PROV GOVT BLOCK B 2261 KEATING CRO VICTORIA BC V8W9P1	Ambulance Station 126 3987 Shellbourne St. Victoria BC

Portion Inspected	Follow-up Compliance Inspection
Violations	REFER TO ORDERS ON FOLLOWING PAGE(S)

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Regulation(s) Referenced in Inspection Text

OHS5.10.(1), OHS5.10.(2), OHS8.14.(1), OHS5.14.(2)

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Inspection Text

This inspection was initiated as a follow-up to IR2007045631789 of September 25th, 2007.

The site was reviewed in terms of progress of asbestos abatement and/or isolation. Workers were unclear on the asbestos condition, locations and project progress or how to gain health and safety information. A telephone update was returned regarding this from Wenche Eilertson, BCAS Regional Safety Advisor, who advised the site is owned by Saanich Municipality. The plan is to initiate/complete a \$60,000 upgrade to the ventilation and heating system in the structure this fiscal year. The intent is to remove/abate the old boiler and lagged lines and replace it with a new furnace. Included is an improvement to the vehicle bay ventilation and the functioning high CFM 2-fan system to evacuate diesel exhaust from ambulance vehicles. Currently these fans are triggered by garage door openings and also apparently remotely from returning vehicles. Fans run several minutes after being triggered. It was discussed that an advisory regarding the asbestos and a review also of the posted "caution" signage (referring to H-type respirators) leading to the attic space would be appropriate to keep workers abreast of the situation.

A site tour focused on the garage/shop area was conducted where ambulance decontamination can take place if not done at the hospital. Workers know to wear respirators and gloves for this task, especially for "terminal clean" operations. An unlabeled bottle was noted which likely contained a diluted mixture of "Citrasolve" used to clean/decontaminate the ambulance. "Citrasolve" is a WHMIS controlled product and is corrosive as well as having other toxic effects. It should be handled with eye and skin (hand) protection. Decanted and mixed products must be labeled by a workplace label indicating the identity and a reference to the material safety data sheet. (OHS5.10.(1) If a controlled product in a workplace is in a container other than the container in which it was received from a supplier, the employer must ensure that the container has a workplace label applied to it.

(OHS5.10.(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a portable container that is filled directly from a container that has a supplier label or workplace label applied to it

(a) if the controlled product

(i) is under the control of and is used exclusively by the worker who filled the portable container,

(ii) is used only during the shift in which the portable container was filled, and

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- (iii) the content of the container is clearly identified, or
- (b) if all of the controlled product is required for immediate use.

There are several other controlled products used and stored in this workplace. Compressed gas bottles were observed well stored and secured. Several products had a hazard to the eyes indicated. The employer is advised to ensure eye protection is available, maintained and worn when using these controlled substances. (OHS8.14.(1)) A worker must wear properly fitting safety eyewear appropriate to the conditions of the workplace if handling or exposed to materials which are likely to injure or irritate the eyes.

The material safety data sheets (MSDS) are found in a well-placed binder near the controlled products. An alphabetical index would be helpful for worker review. Several MSDS were noted out of date and should be upgraded to current sheets. (OHS5.14.(2)) The regulation requires that when a supplier MSDS obtained under Subsection 5.14(1) for a controlled product is 3 years old, the employer must, if possible, obtain from the supplier an up-to-date supplier MSDS for the controlled product if any of the product remains in the workplace.

Workers indicated they were trained in the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System by previous employers, as evidenced through discussion and review of controlled product information. Two workers indicated a very recent respirator fit test was conducted, one worker advised he had not been fit tested since failing a test 5 years ago and him missing the latest round of testing is likely due to his recent absence from work. This was related to the Regional Safety Advisor.

District OSH (DOSH) committee minutes of July and October were posted in the break-room area. There were no posted minutes of local (?) and the Provincial OSH committee. This officer was advised by the employer rep that the layout of the bulletin board is to be upgraded and POSH minutes will also be posted.

A question arose in regard to electronic posting of minutes. This methodology is appropriate if individual worker communications will be provided, all workers have the ability (skill and equipment) to access the information and a source for the past three sets of minutes exists.

This was a follow-up inspection to authenticate appropriate compliance with the order(s) noted.

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Order No.	Decision	WCB Reference
1	G	OHS2.7

THIS IS A FOLLOW UP TO INSPECTION 2007045631789 ORDER 1.

A copy of the "Notice to Workers" publication is on the bulletin board.
 This order is complied with.

Order No.	Decision	WCB Reference
2	G	WCA138.(a)

THIS IS A FOLLOW UP TO INSPECTION 2007045631789 ORDER 2.

The names and work locations of the members of the joint District Occupational Health and Safety Committee have been posted at this workplace, where workers are regularly employed.

This order is complied with.

Order No.	Decision	WCB Reference
3	F	WCA138.(b)

THIS IS A FOLLOW UP TO INSPECTION 2007045631789 ORDER 3.

The reports of the three most recent joint district joint health and safety (DOSH) committee meetings are not posted at this workplace. Two district committee meeting minutes from July and October were posted and available. This officer is satisfied that it is quite possible minutes may have been removed by a reader, as evidenced by duplicate sets of minutes being located elsewhere on the bulletin board.

Ensure another more recent set of meeting minutes is posted and note that district committees should be meeting monthly.

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Order No.	4	Decision	F	WCB Reference	OH55.85
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As evidenced by controlled products being used and stored in the garage/shop area, such as Citrasolve, T3-6, Accel TB and Spray Kleen, some of which are labeled corrosive and present a hazard to the eyes, an emergency eyewash station must be available to workers. Saline bottles in the ambulances are insufficient. An eyewash station still wrapped in plastic shrink wrap and not installed was observed in the garage.

The employer has failed to ensure that appropriate emergency washing facilities are provided within a work area where a worker's eyes may be exposed to harmful or corrosive materials or other materials which may burn or irritate.

This is in contravention of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation Section 5.85.

The employer must ensure that appropriate emergency washing facilities are provided within a work area where a worker's eyes or skin may be exposed to harmful or corrosive materials or other materials which may burn or irritate.

Ensure the eyewash station is installed and filled/maintained appropriately or plumb in a permanent eyewash at the sink in this area.

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