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Chairman's Message

While it may seem unfair to ask given the variety of abnormal issues we all are facing – wildfires, at-home learning, social distancing, recession, uncertain political outcomes – I do have a request for our members. Please take a more active role in OIAA and consider joining the Board. Sharing your experiences can help everyone. Our Board meets throughout the year to evaluate the regulatory and public perception challenges that face our industry. OIAA's training and outreach efforts are designed to inform our members and help maintain regulatory compliance. We would appreciate your input and always extend the opportunity to bring fresh perspectives of how the association can serve our industry. Please reach out to myself, Kellie Ramar, or any other Board member and add your voice and experience to OIAA.

Hope everyone is staying healthy and safe, and appreciating a breath of fresh air!

Erick Staley
Chairman

Nominations for 2021 Officers are now being accepted. Please share your voice and join our Board of Directors.

Safety Topics:



Mobile Equipment at Surface Mines

Haul trucks and other large surface mining vehicles are capable of destroying smaller vehicles that cannot be seen by the operator. Traffic controls, training, and avoiding distractions are key to enhancing safety. Collision warning and avoidance systems can also help.

KEY SAFETY PRACTICES

- Communicate and verify with all equipment operators any planned movements and location upon entering or exiting a work area.
- Ensure all persons are trained to recognize workplace hazards. Specifically, train equipment operators on the limited visibility and blind spot areas that are inherent to the operation of large equipment. Do not drive or park smaller vehicles in mobile equipment's potential path of movement.
- Instruct all operators on the importance of using flags or strobe lights on the cabs of their vehicles to make haulage truck operators aware of their location. Flags must be high enough to be in the view of equipment operators.
- Install and maintain collision avoidance/warning technologies on mobile equipment.

Power Haulage Collision Prevention – Best Practices

Establish and Follow Site Traffic Plan

Know haul road traffic patterns and stay on your side of the road.

Avoid driving in reverse whenever possible.

Keep small equipment away from large equipment.

Avoid parking in haul truck load and dump zones.

Create safe zones around large equipment. Park only in safe zones.

Maximize width of haul roads. Establish and Follow Site Communication Plan

Large equipment always has the right of way.

If you must approach large equipment, first make eye contact or radio contact with the operator. Know Blind Spots

DO NOT ASSUME large equipment operators can see you or small equipment.

Before moving, large equipment operators need to know if other equipment or vehicles are near.

If a large equipment operator is not certain of his/her surroundings, or does not know for sure that the way is safe, radio others and get an ALL CLEAR signal before moving.

Identify small equipment using whips, flashing lights, or other visibility devices.

Stay focused: Distracted driving is not acceptable on highways or mine property.

Avoid drowsy driving. NEVER drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

ALWAYS keep back-up alarms and horns operational.

Operators: Blow horn and pause before moving stopped equipment. Follow site protocol for number of horn blasts for forward or reverse.

Consider collision warning technologies and added safety features.

Remember Safety Saves Lives

A message from Dean Beam- Safepro

Just a warning about online training for miners under the 1977 mine act. Some of the problems mines and contractors are running into are online companies that are offering training without telling the mines or contractors they need a training plan before training is given, not giving the full training hours, not letting them know they must have a room with a competent person observing or close by to check on the training. Once the training is given and the customer finds out it is not up to the MSHA standards these online companies are not giving refunds.

Some of the problems Mines and contractors run into by using inadequate training if caught by MSHA is withdrawal of the miners or contractors from the site. Also, at least one citation will be issued for 104g withdrawal order plus accompanying citation for what every standard is broken.

Some online companies offer this product saying it is fully compliant; this is making a false statement. MSHA does not approve any product; it is up to the operator to ensure that training given is fully compliant with the 30 CFR standards.

Yours in safe production

Safepro inc.

The OIAA sponsored Part 46 Refresher Training is offered every March to all our members in good standing. The dates have already been selected and information will be available after the first of the year.

If anyone has any information they would like to share in next month's newsletter please let me know. Send your information to me at memberreply@oraggregate.com

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Our next virtual board meeting will be held on December 2, 2020 at 9AM.
If you are interested in attending please contact our Chairman Erick Staley.

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Stay Safe, Stay Healthy

