

# NECA-IBEW Joint Safety Committee

September 15th, 2022



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## Meeting minutes

1. **Call to order** - The attendees gave introductions and approved the 7/22 minutes.
  - 1.1. Josh Carter - IBEW 48, Larry Reynolds - OEG, Troy Nichols - Stoner Electric, Ilene Ferrell - Cochran Electric and Barry Moreland - NIETC were in attendance.
  
2. **Communications** - Publications / Handouts / Safety Resources
  - 2.1. CPWR [High Risk Electrical Tasks](#)
  - 2.2. OR-OSH [Manganese Rule](#) Change
  
3. **Old business** -
  - 3.1. CBA safety language - EEW Survey Responses
    - 3.1.1. Barry shared 2-person EEW decision survey responses. More information from the field is necessary to evaluate if revisions to CBA are to be recommended to the L/M committee. Most responses reflected the old 480V, 2 JW requirement.
  - 3.2. WA DOSHA [trenching rules](#) - no update - subcommittee still working on proposed language
  - 3.3. Federal Lead [PEL revisions](#) - no update - subcommittee still working on proposed language
  
4. **New Business**
  - 4.1. NECA Safety Leadership Conference - JSC members attend?
    - 4.1.1. 11/14-11/16/22 Louisville KY
  - 4.2. High Risk Electrical Tasks - the group reviewed a study by CPWR which identified causes for injuries related to 10, high-risk electrical tasks. It directed employers to utilize a thorough planning process using JHA / pre-task plans to identify and reduce associated risks with these tasks. The report findings (table page 16) can be used immediately by our contractors and workplace supervision to better address safety concerns for these specific tasks.
  - 4.3. OR-OSHA Manganese revised rules - Effective 9/1/22, OR-OSHA will begin enforcing revised manganese rules which have a significantly reduced PEL value.

Barry reported that the primary exposure scenario for electrical contractors is during welding tasks - especially when welding on stainless steel. The rule provides employers with a table based compliance option when air monitoring is not used. Table application is based on type of welding being conducted and the overall duration of the welding task(s). It then specifies what type of minimum respiratory protection PPE would be required. Contractors who self perform welding on site or during pre-fab applications should review the rule and incorporate the updated requirements in their written programs.

## 5. **Round Table - Injury Reports - Lessons Learned**

- 5.1. Reported injuries - 2 material handlers suffer non-recordable overexertion injuries.
- 5.2. The group discussed challenges getting workers to report near misses / minor injuries.
- 5.3. Ilene shared information about difficulties managing lone worker safety and asked for any sample policies / best practices the safety team may be able to share.
- 5.4. Troy asked about cut rated gloves and dexterity / durability issues.
- 5.5. Ilene shared information about new arc rated PPE that is very light and provides better vision through a slightly tinted face shield. Cochran is swapping out the older, heavier PPE as well as implementing a daily wear program for service electricians.
- 5.6. Larry shared information about site specific, live-dead-live testing to always require a minimum of 40 cal / cm<sup>2</sup> PPE no matter what the incident energy value is on the equipment label.

The meeting was concluded at 3:10 PM and the next meeting is scheduled for November 17th, at 2:00 PM, at the NIETC.