



Safety Newsletter

Don't Forget Safety.....

- Personal cell phone use is strictly prohibited while operating machinery or driving company vehicles.
- Hard hats are required.
- Inspect your equipment/vehicle prior to use.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Safety Meeting Recap

The final quarter safety meeting for 2007 was held on Tuesday, February 5th. After a great meal of steak and chicken, two short videos were shown.

The first entitled "A Million Excuses" basically demonstrated that there is no good excuse to not think and act safely at work. Intelligent comebacks were given to some not so intelligent excuses.

The second video showed some very short clips of what can happen "In Only a Second." There were quite a few laughs but overall the idea behind the video was that it is important to not become complacent.

Matt presented the quarterly safety talk. He outlined the incidents in what had been a much safer quarter than the previous one:

- There was a driver written up for following too closely. The 500' rule was reiterated. It is important to maintain a safe following distance to provide sufficient time for stopping.
- There was an incident in the 24 Industrial Drive yard where a trailer was carelessly left in the driveway and then damaged by a tractor driving into it because the driver did not see it. It is important to consider the surroundings when parking trailers/vehicles/equipment.
- There was also an incident where an employee was pinched because the sweeper rolled on a trailer when it was being unloaded. It is important to make sure parking brakes are operating properly and that if need be a



second person is around if necessary when performing these types of things.

- Jobsite safety was reviewed paying special attention to the Oswegatchie job where safety compliance is paramount. Employees will be written up and fined by O&G, so it is important that everyone wears hard hats, safety glasses and safety vests when on this job.

There were several outstanding issues from the previous meeting that were also addressed: **(cont. on p. 2)**

Team

Safety Committee

We are looking for employees who would like to join the safety committee. You need to be available for quarterly committee meetings and you need to be willing to be a safety role model. We need a

representative from each division. If you are interested send a note to the main office attn: Kelly or talk to your supervisor. We would like to assemble the group within the next month.

