

Here is the footage of

“Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts”

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The second Questions and Answers session

Hello, Tim Sir

I am Lam

Many colleagues are concerned about the switch from
version 1.5.1 to version 1.6

We are quite worried. We might have an adaptation issue

Of course, mentioned just now was the 14th Elements

There are some changes to the Elements 1 to 13 in version 1.6

We have to get used to it

May I ask that in case of any revision in the future

time can be allowed for us to coordinate with our accredited safety auditors

to agree on how to achieve the criteria

and allow to count the score from next quarter onwards

That would allow everyone room to manoeuvre

can HA or OSHC consider this point?

The changes were drafted by the end of last year

followed by consultation with the contractor association

The Lunar New Year holidays might have reduced time for comment

It was a busy time at Lunar New Year

The association was consulted again in late March

Effective date will be on 1st of April 2019

Please reply us soon. Will the contractor association agree?

A positive reply came in mid March

All need to agree to most items before the version is endorsed

For changes in the future

I do not know when version 1.6 will be enhanced to 1.7

However this will surely happen, and then from 1.7 to 1.8

The upgrading will continue

Some contractors may have opinions and feedback

But we have not heard any news

In late March, our auditors told us of the revised safety audit

There are new terms. We need to get ready for them shortly

Better communication can be done

Perhaps the committee of Contractors Association

has received the draft but the committee

may not have relayed the message to each member company

And companies may not have relayed to their safety officers

Frontline may not know your consultation done for the change

and did not have enough time to get ready

Any future revisions are actually a ongoing process

The contractor association can inform member contractors

Some contractors may not join certain committee of the association

Or HA would not wait for the associaion

but inform their individual member contractors

We are discussing some items with the association

But you can take a look at the contents in advance

It may not be the final version

It may be further revised in the process, or be deleted

Compared to the first draft, some items have been deleted

due to strong opposition of the association

or I do not think the items are feasible

If contractors cannot relay the message to the frontline

then, I will not be able to do much

I cannot present the proposed changes to all safety officers

I hope every contractor can understand

the association will discuss internally

Or they can tell their boss what they can see

If I find it necessary to get ready for these 10 items

then I have to get ready for them

Maybe only 7 items can be introduced finally, it does not matter

If we do not mind the trouble, we can proceed in this way

As our implementation is in a hurry

we have sought OSHC to suspend some new assessment criteria

If a personnel cannot start a safety training course in time

the score for that particular item can be waived

but all such requirements will be enforced in the 3rd quarter

I have requested OSHC to arrange more training courses

No excuse for not attending classes

If classes are available but nobody attend, there is no point

Accredited Safety Auditors (ASA) have been told

When I attended the OSHC briefing in January

I also told ASAs at the meeting

We know site instruction issued by Contract Manager (CM)

need to be executed

You may not do what CM have not asked

Thus, for items without site instructions of CM

The ASA will not deduct any marks

For ongoing projects, without instructions from HD

these items will be considered as NA items and you will not be penalised

With this adjustment, the impact should be minimal

Enhancement items will be on hold

These audit items will not be scored

Those on trainers will not be scored either

Therefore, I expect the difference from that of the 1st quarter will be little

Thus, scores will show little changes

I would not want to see great difference

Next time, it could be like this

ASAs learned in January that there would be changes

After OSHC's briefing

when ASAs conduct inspections between January and March
they can have the documents to discuss with contractors

This is a draft. I do not know how much of it will be enforced

But you can take a look first. Prepare what you can now

You may think ASAs cannot be certain

when they have only a draft to discuss with contractors

You are not sure if the changes are real or not, it's ok

Everyone must get ready

I am not afraid of reviewing documents; I would do and learn

I suggest asking ASAs to take the document during site visit

The documents may be enforced soon

You can think. I think it is better in this way

It would be easier for frontline workers

I would not want it to be harsh on workers

although this revision is prepared by me

Thank you for Mr. Lam's question

Thank you, Mr. Lau

Hello

I represent contractors. My name is Fu

I would like to ask Mr. Lau about

tool modification required by safety innovations

The machine may not have that part and alteration is needed

After that, the lamp is outside the bar bending machine

As the machine is used outdoors, electrical leakage may occur

The risk of bar bending is solved

but electrical leakage may occur

Because the parts are modified

manufacturers will no longer accept the machines as original

This is our consideration

Can you appoint companies for machine modifications?

There is no reference now about outdoor machines

If they are modified by ourselves and are exposed to rain

Electrical leakage may occur

This is a dangerous situation

There is always difficulty in implementation

We must not violate the law or subject ourselves to dangers

For improving safety, but we create another danger

This of course is a "No"

No

In case of similar questions

please liaise with Occupational Safety and Health Council

or building services personnel

for assessing its feasibility

If there is a problem that cannot be solved

then, we may not implement the item

Please provide your feedback when you meet any difficulty

Your feedback are welcome and we will work out a solution

I would like to add one point, about lamps leaking electricity

In a lot of machine designs, for example, in control circuits

using 12-volt or 24-volt direct current

For indicator light or specific illumination

no need to use 280, 380 or 220 voltage

If I use 380 voltage for transforming to feed a light

I will have an electrical insulation box

There is a risk, for example, when exposed to weather

But how to check the danger?

You are referring to electrical leakage designs

I am referring to voltage. That is, 12-volt direct current

What are your worries?

I am not an expert but I know there must be a solution

These are not complicated

Excuse me, I have a few questions

Forklift trucks should stop in 2 seconds

This is impossible, however hard we try

Because they are mechanical, not digital

Stopping in 2 seconds is possible if they are digital

but I cannot find any digital forklift trucks

I can get mechanical ones and they can stop in 5 seconds

Is that acceptable? Trying very hard already

My second question is about crane operator

“sit behind the mentor”

People have different interpretations

Should the new operator be operating the crane

with a mentor supervising him as he is still a mentee

or should he be sitting behind

observing an experienced mentor lifting a pre-cast wall

It's too soon to allow a new hand to lift pre-cast components

This is the second question

The third question is about signaller

There are 4 new courses

some are 4-hour, some are 14-hour

My 1st choice is the 4-hour course, but lessons are fewer

The nearest lesson will be in late June

It is already a full class

I believe it is because everyone will opt for the 4-hour course

Before 2018, riggers are exempted

In future, will current riggers be asked to take the course

If yes, I will arrange them to join the classes

These are the 3 questions. Thank you

About signaller, CIC offers 4 courses

Some are 4-hour, others longer, why

Would differences in qualifications be a reason

Or would experienced riggers be going to the 4-hour course

Learn by reviewing the past

If you have little knowledge, join the 14-hour course

Understand the course content

The implication may be more than the number of class hours

Regarding training technique, OSHC please reply

I can respond briefly

That training technique course is for trainers of tool box talks

Safety officers need not take the course again

It is assumed they are well versed with the technique

The course targets at safety supervisors or foremen

Training to give safety seminars will be stepped up

Some foremen are excellent workers but not as good in teaching

The course will enhance them in this regard

It is hoped that they attend the training technique courses

OSHC offers 2 courses and CIC offers 2 courses

Train the Trainer requires longer hours

It is more comprehensive with 3 days, 12 or 14 hours

Another one is half day course for training technique

are more practical lessons on how to be a trainer

We accept any one of the four courses

A colleague said just now that there are not enough classes

We have communicated with the training centre

More classes will be offered if necessary

Can someone remind me what the next question is

About signaller, we worry about the impact on the industry too

Those joining the industry before 2018 are exempted

If you join the industry in or after 2018

please study CIC course to enhance your skills

Thank you for your effort

Keep up the effort

Yes

Keep trying if the 2-second requirement is not met

In fact, many forklift trucks can do this

It depends on whether you can explore with the manufacturer

the necessary accessories and parts

and whether he agrees to do the fitting for you

Of course, he may say he is not the agent

for that brand of forklift truck. The sale does not include maintenance

The 2-second requirement must be complied with

We want to avoid forklift truck accidents

Hong Kong has had many forklift truck accidents

involving deaths and injuries

A forklift truck operator trapped himself to death. Why?

Because he is free to stand inside the operation cubicle

stretching out his arm or head

Hence the forklift truck death toll in Hong Kong and Macau is high

5 seconds are enough to cause deaths a few times

2 seconds are the basic requirement. Let us keep up the effort

For the Tower Crane Operators Mentoring Programme

Mentees are to sit behind the mentors and learn the technique

They are not allowed to operate the crane

One year of experience is not enough. That is too dangerous

Let me add to that

Plenty of training requires screening off

a "No Work In Progress" zone for training purposes

For example, in lifting

if mentor and mentee are inside the cabin at the same time

training in a separate zone

Not during working hours. Not in the working area

They may be asked to do it after work

This is a normal training method

Okay

Thank you, everyone

Thank you, our honourable guests

Thank you for all your questions

In the coming July, there will be a Safety Forum

Do join the forum

Thank you

Thank you for watching