

Mine and Quarry
1st Quarter Performance Review
6th floor CR, Old Revenue Building
October 25, 2016 at 2:00 PM

Attendees: Art Britt, Phil Hooper and William Gerringer
Scribe: Charity Locklear

Reviewed Performance Charts for 1st Quarter July – September, 2016

Performance Report

All standards have been met.

Reviewed Staff Development

One MAQB representative conducted 1-day Explosives Safety class for Boone Fire Marshals – Boone, NC 33 people attended. Two MAQB representatives conducted Part 48 Instructor Fundamentals class in Greensboro, NC on August 2-4 and 10 people were trained as Mine safety and Health Instructors. One MAQB employee attended the National Mine Safety & Health Academy's 40th Anniversary Celebration in Beckley, WV on August 17th along with the State Grant's meeting on the 18th. One MAQB staff employee and three MAQB representatives attended the NC Aggregates Safety & Health meeting in Greensboro, NC on September 13th. One MAQB staff employee & 1 MAQB representative conducted 1-day Explosives Safety class for BRS in Richfield, NC on September 27th and 38 people attended. Also, 1 MAQB staff employee and 1 MAQB representative conducted Mine Safety and Health Law School in Castle Hayne, NC September 27-29th and 34 people attended.

Abandoned Mines

Abandoned mines have been completely removed from the charts and language and are no longer being reported. IT has to remove abandoned mines from the activity report and make all zeros.

Explosives Safety Class

Art – Does Mine and Quarry receive requests for explosives? William – No. Usually, requests are for the construction of subdivisions and are issued by the County Commissioner or Fire Marshall. The issuance of blasting permits is up to them. Usually, the person asking for the permit will take a good picture, document the area and take it to an attorney to ask the County Commissioner of Fire Marshall for the blasting permit.

State Grant's Meeting

2017 State Grant funding looked good with MSHA. Mine & Quarry is waiting for MSHA for notification to submit. Art – CER is good until December 8, 2016. There is a new State Grant form they want everyone to use in November. MSHA is going to implement consistency within MSHA Nationally. MSHA is going to come up with a draft for Instructor approval. NCMAQB would have to go by the Southeast MSHA requirements. William – It would be great that MSHA is getting the entire Country on board with the same training requirements.

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Law Schools

William – There was such an overflow of registrations for the September Law School, William bumped the overflow of 26 people registered to attend a Law School in Morganton, held by Allen Greene. The other Law School is scheduled to be held in Morganton in December, 2016. The Law School class is very popular and is very well received. Art – Why do you think they recognize the need to attend the Law Schools? William – People are finding that the law schools are informative about the laws, case law and inspections. Phil attend a law school last year.

Reporting Accidents

One fatal accident was reported to MSHA. An employee of a company was operating a haul truck. The employee was on the right side of the road and went left going downhill at a high rate of speed and ended up in a 201 feet pit under the carriage of the haul truck. An autopsy was completed and no pre-existing or existing medical issues were found. MSHA is doing the investigation and during the investigation they found that the employee had rags tied on other seatbelts. MSHA issued a citation to the company for knowingly and willingly altering seatbelts. MSHA did not cite the company for the employee not using a seatbelt, but did issue a penalty for the employee using a nonfunctional seatbelt. William – This is the 1st fatality in NC in 4 years. Phil – Did MSHA issue penalties yet? William – Not officially yet.

Staff

MAQB has a staff member out.

Staff Training

Beau is doing his First Aid Instructor Training. William is going to work with Beau next week.

Budget

1741 – Includes explosives training & Mine Safety Law classes

1742 – Includes First aid and CPR (1744)

1743 – Includes consultation and technical assistance which is quite active this time of year.

12 complete evaluations have been completed for the 1st Quarter July – September, 2016.

Southeast MSHA Conference

Next week, William is going to attend the Southeast MSHA conference in Birmingham, Alabama.

Company Training

MAQB wants to provide small companies with training. William – MAQB may need a contract trainer starting next year.

Mine and Quarry Safety and Health Conference 2017

The 2017 Mine and Quarry conference is going to be held in Cherokee, North Carolina.

Next Mine and Quarry Quarterly Performance Review meeting will be held on January 31, 2017 at 2:00 P.M., 6th floor CR, ORB.