

Mine and Quarry
Quarterly Performance Review
6th floor CR, Old Revenue Building
February 2, 2016 at 12:00 PM

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

Reviewed Performance Charts for October, November and December, 2015. Note: The performance review charts and minutes are posted on the intranet.

YTD (Year-to Date) Performance Report

All standards have been met except:

- 1.1 – Evaluate all listed abandoned mine sites annual.
 - Note: 1 of 9 abandoned mine sites have been checked and this standard is in progress and will be completed by the end of the FY 2015-2016.

Wake Technical Community College

William stated that it would be a great thing to be a part of the Wake Technical Community College's program and that it would benefit the State. Art – Stated that the Commissioner felt like the Community College would be competition for M&Q's training. William – Hands on training of equipment and conveyers could be competition. However, fees collected from the contractors won't be competition. William doesn't really think it would be a problem to work with Wake Technical Community College to provide training. The training hours that Mine and Quarry would provide would increase the training hours for Mine and Quarry essentially helping them with grant funding in the future. Art – We would have to be careful about providing Community College training. William – The possibility of working with the Community College about training is still further down the road.

Part 48 Instructor Class

Art – In 3 days, you trained 7 people. William – Yes, typically we like to have 10. However, the Mine and Quarry Bureau does what they can for the mining operations within reason.

First Aid for Drug Overdoses

William went over the topic about drug overdose and the issuance of Naloxone. The National Safety Council is saying it is safe to teach to use on an overdose victim. William feels that there should be more clarification on the issuance of Naloxone to a victim of drug overdose. People are not medically trained doctors or nurses; typically they are good Samaritans.

MSHA Grant Writing

William is going to see for the 2016-2017 grant if funding can include the Mine and Quarry training of contractors. North Carolina trains more contractors than miners. Funding should be allocated

Abandoned Mines

The figures on the abandoned mines chart are incorrect. There are (9) abandoned mine sites in North Carolina. William is going to correct the abandoned mines chart and resend the charts to Art, Phil and Charity. Phil – We need to know how many abandoned mines we are responsible for inspecting. D Q does more of the inspections than we do.

Staff

The new hire packet is over in Human Resources. The qualified applicant knows mining, training miners and he knows the MSHA regulations. Art – Does the qualified applicant understand that he will have to cut all ties with secondary employment and consultants? William – Yes.

Key Performance Objective Measures

William redid the chart giving the breakdown of the grant budget number and what the grant number represents. The chart is a reflection for the past 2 Fiscal Years along with the current FY 2015-2016.

1741 – Direct miner training of miners and contractors (people)

1742 – Duties of Services for onsite training of miners and contractors (people)

1743 – Number of onsite technical assistance and consultative services (cases)

William is trying to get Emily to move First Aid training under the budget code 1741 where it belongs.

Note: William is going to remove 100% of mines inspected each Fiscal Year from the bottom of this chart. In 2008 and 2009, the Mine and Quarry Bureau did 100% of inspections. It states in the Statutes that Mine and Quarry is required to inspect mines M&Q deem necessary to inspect each FY.

William – Sandpits doesn't fall under the Mine and Quarry Act for inspections. DENR has over 1,000 sandpits and inspecting sandpits doesn't fall under the Mine and Quarry's Mine Act.

Budget Coverage for Mine and Quarry

State Budget covers: MAQB Salaries for field reps, 40% of Bureau Chief's salary.

Federal Budget covers: travel, equipment and office assistant salary and 60% bureau chief salary

The 20% breakdown is the state's matching fund for the federal grant amount awarded.

Phil – Federal money is based on the training Mine and Quarry provides. William – It is based on the number of mines and the number of miners (employees).

The grant is between \$139,000 and \$140,000. Phil – Does the grant state that we are required to inspect all mines? William – It is all spelled out in the Mine Safety Statutes. Phil – Phil wants to sit down with William and go over the Mine Safety Statutes.

Complete Evaluations

Complete evaluations include observation, consultative walk and talks. Complete evaluations help with training when training is done for the company.

Public Relations

Public relations are when M&Q speaks to educate the public for example Rock Hound Safety or providing First Aid for a specific group of people.

Reporting of Accidents

William wants to know about what can be done to a company for failing to report accidents to the Mine and Quarry Bureau. William wants to discuss this further with Phil. Phil – Does the statute need to be changed or given to our Legal Section to look into?

Art – We have to look at all of the statutes and be sure that we are in compliance with doing what we are legally required to do. We do what we are statutorily responsible for without the resources provided to Mine and Quarry to carry out those responsibilities.

Recordable Accidents

Recordable accidents also include cuts and smashed fingers. Art – Who are the companies required to report the accidents to? William – MSHA and by Statute the State. Mine and Quarry pulls the accident information from the MSHA website. Phil – Do we investigate any of the accidents? William – Is going add to the chart figures showing when M&Q does an investigation. Art – Does MSHA ever offer anything to Mine and Quarry? William – No. However, if MSHA finds out that a company has an untrained miner, MSHA refers the mining company to William. MSHA give out William's business cards to companies for miner training.

All recordable accidents are available on-line on the MSHA website.

Upcoming Events

There will be a law school in Morganton in March 15-17 and the cut off is 35 people tops.

The 39th North Carolina Mine Safety and Health Conference is going to be held March 30 – April 1, 2016 at Sunset Beach.

Next Mine and Quarry Quarterly Performance Review meeting will be held on April 26, 2016 at 2:00 P.M., 6th floor CR, ORB.