

Operations Manager's Comments

It's hard to believe that the first week of March is already behind us! The first 9 weeks of the year have been very busy with the roll-out of the additional CoW Practices, CoW workshops across the country and internal contractor training sessions. With spring right around the corner, we've all been busy getting ready for the upcoming field season. It is important to remember that all of the new Practices and training are designed to ensure that we **pre-plan our work and execute it safely**. 2009 was a fantastic year for field safety, but we still have a lot of work to do as we strive toward our **collective goal of having everyone return home safely at the end of the day**. Together we can make this a reality. **Thank you** again for your focus and dedication to safety in 2009 and we look forward to working with all of you in 2010!

P.S. Be sure to **check the RM Supplier Portal** on a regular basis as **new CoW Practices will continue to be rolled out** throughout the first quarter and possibly into the second quarter.

— Ron Halsey, Operations Manager, US Mining, Canada & Alaska

FROM THE FIELD . . .

BP/ARC RM currently has several major projects underway, in addition to routine field work and monitoring. We'll keep you posted as these projects wrap up and information becomes available for sharing with our community of readers. In the meantime, please continue to submit your personal stories and ideas to May Marcinek. No item is too routine or too unusual, too small or too big for consideration. Your shared safety knowledge benefits a larger community of people - and we want to hear it!



Contractor's

Temporary fencing is sometimes utilized to secure an abandoned site or protect an exclusion zone for an extended period of time. Quite often, these sites will be left unattended for a day or two, several weeks or even several months, depending on sampling and construction schedules or real estate transactions. As Delta personnel began to prepare to fence off ARCO 4415 for an extended period of unattended time this past December, one of the things they considered was the impact of the fence falling. **High winds, vandalism or reckless third party drivers**

could easily knock the panels over, disrupting site security and causing a potential immediate hazard to vehicles and pedestrians. **Addressing this issue ahead of time**, the team chose to **rent 10 extra panels** for the extended duration, and double bracketed them perpendicularly to the fence, pointing inwards

to the center of the property, with one brace panel to every four perimeter panels. Having learned from observing other project sites, the team has found this set-up continues to successfully provide support and reinforcement. — *special thanks to Aaron Lapine and Markham Hurd*

Consider This . . .

As more states pass hands-free phone laws for drivers, and studies are finding more conclusive results, more **people have become aware of the dangers of texting and talking while driving**. While some people are opting

to turn their phones off or refuse to answer them, several others are opting to **pay for electronic overrides rather than rely on self-control**. Utilizing GPS and other technology, several software companies now offer, for a monthly fee, either applications or equipment that automatically restrict a driver's ability to place and receive calls and texts while driving. Recognizing special circumstances, the software often also provides programming exceptions, such as passenger override and the ability to place and receive calls to 911 and a few personal emergency numbers. With applications running as low as \$4.95 a month, electronic override is becoming an **inexpensive and effective way to stay phone-safe** while driving. *For more information on companies and brands, check out the SOCs Minute Resource Site.*

Additional Resources

HSSE Bi-weekly communication <http://rmhsse.bpglobal.com/communication/hsseiweeklycommunication/2009/>

Shared Learning <http://rmhsse.bpglobal.com/communication/sharedlearninglessonslearnedsafetycommunicationsuccessstories/>

SOCs Minute Resource Site <http://socs.dataaccel.com/> (user ID: socs, Password: safety)

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RM worked 17% fewer hours in 2009 than in 2008 and drove 28% fewer miles. We also listed 26% fewer incidents in Traction which means **our incident per hour-worked rate has decreased**. However, our **non-near-miss events increased by 8%**, due to slight increases in our DAFWC, occupational injury/illness, complaint, and transportation cases. Also, **almost every incident report associated with hand safety resulted in first aid** (only 6 of the 32 hand cases remained near-misses). The majority of these cases were due to **"lacerations – struck by/against."** Biohazards, skin exposures and slip/trip/fall cases remained largely as near-misses, with a much lower first aid conversion rate. Good work catching these before they became injuries! As 2010 commences, take a moment to **consider how your team can focus more on hand safety!** — *special thanks to Julie Eisinger for additional analysis provided in the December 2009 Near Miss Summary Report Final*