



## CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

### February 2017

With our last update being November 2016 we have had a bit more action through the Workshop Group (see below), plus improved support from Worksafe in a couple of areas. Still lots to be achieved and there will be continual changes but we have truly got our feet under the table with awesome support and industry ears open, so a great beginning for this industry safety committee.

#### **Workshop on COP for Above Ground Fuel on Farms Guide**

We have completed two workshops since the last update and are now at the stage to provide the first draft of the new guide to Worksafe. There should be no surprises for WorkSafe as they have been represented through the Workshops.

The document will also need consultation with Federated Farmers and with full FDISC once Worksafe have confirmed they are happy with the direction the guide has taken.

The guide has increased its scope to include **all** Fuel Storage on Farms, so underground and plastic fuel storage solutions are addressed through this document. Ruth Corbett has been doing all the grunt work for development of this document and there has been great participation and support provided by the group members.

We intend to present the document to Worksafe in early March and soon after to Federated Farmers.

#### **Submission to Draft COP 24 (Above Ground Stationary Tanks with Integral Secondary Containment)**

We have had no further feedback on this but many remain concerned with the requirement for designed 2 and 4-hour impact protected tanks for higher volume diesel storage. So, we are keen to get confirmation of this requirement as it is excessive and extremely costly.

#### **Tripod Tanks**

Thanks to all who responded to the request for Tripod tank issues they had. That provided very necessary information to Worksafe who have confirmed they will support an end of life date for Tripod tanks. Worksafe has informed that they have told Trade Me that selling or trading of tripod tanks is non-compliant and they should no longer be listed on Trade me.

We have used the Workshop group to discuss end of life and to determine time lines required for this. In deciding that the ability to provide alternative solutions for these tanks and time to remove and replace needs to be taken into account. The general feedback is 18 months from the time the end of

life requirement is announced. A bit more work to do but it would seem the day of the tripod tank is coming to an end. Those discussions will be headed by Worksafe

### **HSW Consultation**

There is a tight margin for submission and this is another round so would suggest there is not a lot to add they may affect any change this. Notwithstanding that the opportunity to submit is being provided and any issues that are not supported by industry must be conveyed to the regulator.

Silence will be regarded as acceptance by the regulator so please do not be backwards in coming forth. Please send your comments in to Mark Ngatuere

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### **Next FDISC Meeting**

It is proposed that the next meeting will be held in Auckland at end of March. We will send out a meeting notice once we confirm date and venue

### **Membership Fee**

The RTF provides secretarial and industry representation as a part of our benefits as members or affiliates. Cost for travel, and any other meeting costs need to be recovered. I am suggesting an annual \$200 fee per company to be invoiced and managed through RTF to assist manage those costs. If the costs exceed what is collected, we will need to re-visit that but there is a high level of confidence that won't be the case.

All members will cover their own costs to attend meetings and we will seek to share meeting venues amongst us with the host covering any catering.

### **FDISC support**

Our Safety Committee is there to provide support and guidance to ensure safety and compliance can be implemented effectively. If you have concerns or issues that you consider need the support of the Committee please send through to Mark Ngatuere

Regards

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