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## Saskatchewan Safety Council Seminar

This year's Saskatchewan Safety Council seminar was held in Saskatoon during February 4/5/6. Four of us from the OH&S committee were fortunate enough to be provided the opportunity, at the company's expense, to attend the seminar and it offered many safety product displays, samples and guest speakers. We were joined by the four management OH&S committee members and two safety inspectors that were sent at the company expense and the additional two OH&S committee members that were sent at the union's expense. I am sure all that attended would agree that the seminar is valuable.

Many comments were made when the list of sponsors were read... no CCRL... no FCL...no sponsorship by the organization that we work for, or our CEP national union to ensure something of this nature continues to succeed. There

was no mention of **any** major unions offering support. Saskpower, Ipsco, Enbridge, Viterra, Agrium, Mosaic, Maple Leaf, Alliance, Saskferco, WCB, and the crown corps were sponsors, to name a few. I am considering writing the CEP Union President and the Refinery Manager to inquire about future sponsorship. In my opinion, there should also have been more members sent, to hear the messages from the speakers. If this is not practicable, we need to adopt a practice of having speakers come to our plant to speak towards safety.

"Safety with a heartbeat" was a seminar presented by the speaker (and mother) Shannon LaRoche, who now travels throughout the Prairie Provinces sharing her story of her son's death while working for a liquid manure transport company. Her son was not the only one... the deadly gas got two more.

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General Union meetings are held on every **fourth Tuesday** of the month in the Union hall at 4:45 PM. Upcoming Union meeting:  
February 26, 2008 @ 4:45 PM

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You guessed it... H2S!!! The people attending were on the edge of their seats, and I bet were all thinking of how that could happen to them. The father of that young man bought the liquid manure company and has many employees; all educated of the H2S dangers. It was one hell of a story and it makes you think... Another great speaker, Wayne Summach, who is the emergency planning program manager at Cameco Corp., spoke towards corporate internal safety management and their strategies for success. Examples of Cameco's emergencies and the challenges they faced, got one thinking about how much there is to do to be prepared. His advice was to always respond heavily to emergencies (send lots of responders)... you can always scale back your response, but it is harder to ramp it up. Traffic safety from an accident reconstructionists' prospective, was another that was fantastic and dealt more with safety outside of the workplace for those that don't travel directly with work. It reminded everyone to think about safety outside

the workplace, and offered a few driving safety habit suggestions, that I am sure a few have listened to... I have adjusted my mirrors properly already. Safe Electrical workshop Part I&II, Kitchens of Death (crystal meth kitchens), and Young worker safety were a few others that had great comments afterwards, although one can't attend them all.

Overall, it was a great opportunity and I am very glad I got to attend. I appreciate the company's willingness to send us to the seminar, and want to thank the union for sending the remaining two committee members that wanted to attend as well.

Thanks a lot!

Wade Hillmer  
OH&S Co-Chair (worker rep)  
Section II

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