

# TWU 555 Safety & Health Committee

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Subject: ABQ Safety Visit

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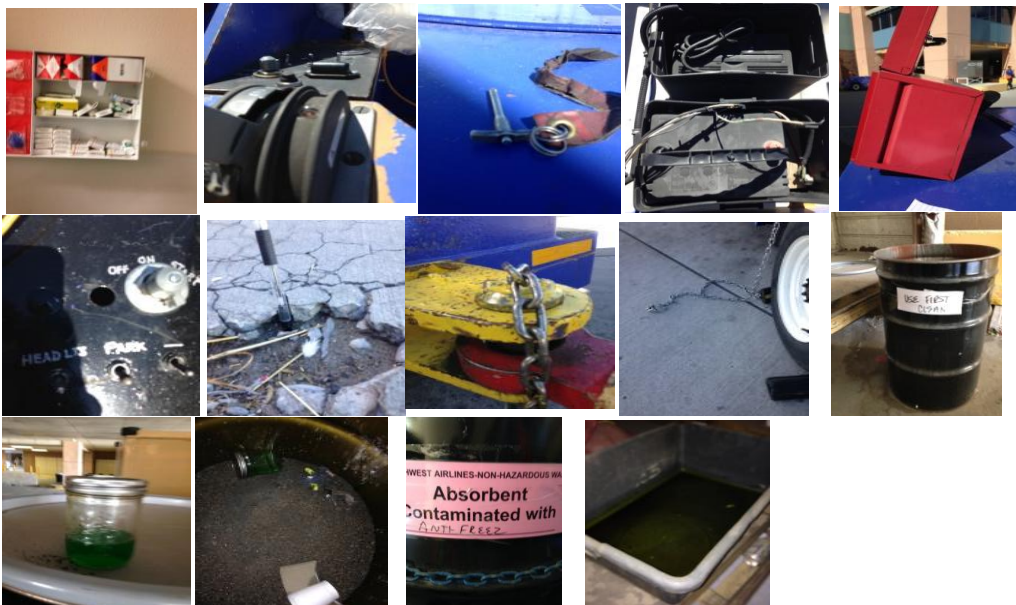
The visit was at your request to address local concerns and to support our ABQ membership. Safety Rep Bill Apodaca and MRO Art Galvin accompanied me on a safety inspection.

Our CBA requires that the local safety representative be called when an incident or accident involving a TWU member occurs. This requirement is not being followed by local management here in ABQ.

Time off from regular duties for TWU Safety Reps to do equipment checks and follow up on items that haven't been resolved has not been adequate.

## EQUIPMENT/RAMP SAFETY CONCERNS:

1. Pushbacks have horns missing, handles missing on hitch pins, shift gear control missing reverse/forward labels on the following PB857, PB04, and PB2471
2. Belt loaders shark fin need to be reattached, horn inoperable on BL21004
3. Tow bars shear bolts do not move freely on: TB5; 7168;and TB3
4. Baggage Carts have tarp handles missing, straps missing from tarps that secure the tarps in place.
5. By pass pins are broken or missing on all gates.
6. Wireless headsets in ABQ do not work properly due to the military base next to the airport-- pushback driver and the guide agents are unable to communicate.
7. PC Air Condition hose needs a cradle installed on all gates to prevent the coupler and hose being damaged.
8. PS02 missing lids on batteries attached to the unit. **Open Item from 10-14-2014**
9. LT19969 front end panel on driver side is damaged and blue water hose is leaking on the ramp.
10. Asphalt behind gate A6 has several areas that are creating a trip hazard and need to be repaired **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.22**
11. Tool boxes need to be secured to pushback.
12. Unknown liquid found in baggage tub in a covered cart next to spill cart drums. **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200**
13. First Aid Kit in Ramp and Customer Service break room does not meet SWA Requirements. **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.151**





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## **TRAINING OSHA 2254**

Sharing information about and pertaining to safety is a joint effort between Southwest and TWU. It was recommended to Art Galvin to have the Ramp Sups communicate to the employees using the Read for Work for different topics. The ramp safety audit is another great example for talking up incidents and accidents. We discussed using the monthly safety topic as part of conversation with the Employees.

- Power Cord proper position while hooked up to aircraft-not taught.
- Tow bar procedures-what to do after the shear bolt break-not taught to agents.
- Winglet Cone policy placement not taught to the employees.

The Ramp Safety Sups are not trained properly and do not get the time to do the monthly safety inspection. ABQ Ramp Sups cannot lead by example without the knowledge of what to look for. I recommended that Ramp Safety Supervisor Gary Horton gets the proper safety training and have the opportunity to stress safety as stated in **GOM 02.040.00**.

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE GOM 02.040.00**

Each classification should be represented at all meetings, Attendance by local Station Leaders is recommended. Department representatives are responsible for keeping their fellow Employees in their respective work area updated on the committee progress. This is not the case in ABQ.

## **RAMP WALK**

I explained to local management that ramp walks are different from equipment checks. TWU Safety Reps will be checking the equipment and the facilities and share their findings with MRO Art Galvin and Ramp Safety Supervisor Gary Horton. The Ramp Walk is to address the open concerns from the monthly meeting and to look for unsafe conditions or hazards. These items found during this walk need to be attached to the monthly safety minutes.

## **HOUSEKEEPING OSHA 29 CFR 1910.141**

This is a concern in all employee areas. All places of employment shall be kept clean to the extent that the nature of the work allows: This includes the entire work area, including the break room, refrigerator and microwaves. This is a joint effort between ABQ Management Team and TWU Safety Team.

## **CLOSING CONFERENCE**

Bill and I were able to speak to MRO Art Galvin about our findings. During closing Art Galvin has agreed to give 16 hours a month for TWU Safety Rep Bill Apodaca to do the Equip./Facilities Checks.

Leadership agreed to address the issues listed above. I had opportunity to speak with membership. I addressed their questions about equipment and explained the proper way to submit an SRS. I explained that TWU Safety Reps will post their findings on the union board so all employees can see the equipment and facilities checks.

Thank you ABQ employees for your hard work and dedication to safety you display on a daily basis. Thank you, to all TWU Safety Reps for trying to improve the work environment for all employees. If you have any question or concern about this report my number is 214-927-6743 or email me at [dina.enders@twu555.org](mailto:dina.enders@twu555.org)

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