



TWU 555 Safety & Health Committee

To: Jesse Soto, Safety & Health Advisor
From: Daniel Hilton, Safety & Health Committee
Date: July 7th, 2015
Subject: BWI Safety Visit

Jesse, The purpose of this visit was to address the BWI membership concerns with the equipment. I was accompanied by fellow committee member Rudy Del Real. We were escorted by TWU 555 Safety Chair Dion Mitchell, Union Steward Shawn Breeden and Provo Safety Rep Terrell Surles. MRO Joe Deapolis, GSC Manager Kevin Boyd and Facilities Maintenance Dennis Castelano went along for the safety walk.

The main reason for my visit was to address the concerns from the BWI membership about the WASP Air-Tran Covered Carts. The issue associated with the carts has to do with the tongues falling all the way to the ground when unlatched. This could potentially break someone's foot. Agents I spoke with stated it was unsafe and they are worried about getting hurt. Every agent I talked to stressed the same concern when asked if they thought it was safe or unsafe.

Rudy, Dion and I had a productive and lengthy discussion with MRO Joe Deapolis and GSC Mgr. Kevin Boyd about the AT carts. We stated the tongue hitting the floor was unsafe and that employees worried about the tongue falling and potentially breaking someone's foot. We stated that they needed to be tagged out and modified to correct this issue. Kevin Boyd stated that the equipment is safe since that is how they were designed to operate. Also, that there is no modification that could be made without consent from WASP due to liability issues in the event of an injury occurring. Kevin stated that he understands our concern but he would not be able to leave equipment tagged out or make modifications without the company permission to do so.

I stressed to Joe that the company should try to make every effort possible to make modifications to the carts to ensure the safety of the employees. He stated again that the equipment is safe since that's the way they were manufactured. I asked that all carts be pulled out of service until the company gets word back from the Manufacturer WASP about a possible modification. That requested was respectfully denied. I let Management know that we would be tagging out as many of those carts as possible. I was told that they would be checked and put back in service because they are deemed safe. Those carts where put back in service the very next day.

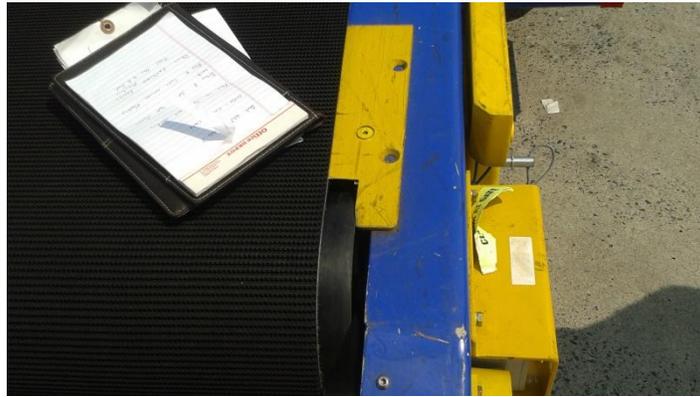


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Equipment

The following beltloaders had pinch points exposed and the pinch plate needed to be adjusted. They were adjusted by GSC the very same day. Every beltloader on the ramp was checked for pinch points.

BL-63, 19, 05, 46, 32, 54, 15. Example Below.



BL-01 – Tagged out: belt needed to be replaced.

The Sparky System light beacon above Gate B-6 is inoperable. The beacon will not flash in the event of severe weather that produces lightning. Facilities Maintenance Dennis Castelano immediately put a Maintenance ticket for repair. The system was repaired on Wednesday July 8th.

Gate B-12: Concrete needed to be repaired. The hole had small pieces of loose concrete which could be dangerous in the event of engine ingestion. It can cause debris to fly and potentially hit and injure ramp agents. Joe made a phone call to an Operations Manager to shut down the gate so repairs could be made.





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T-Point

Trash and Debris found lying around bag Carousel needs to be cleaned up. This could potentially harbor rodents.



Two overhead fans were not working properly. Agents stated that it can get very hot and humid inside t-point and fans help with cooling down the area. Facilities Maintenance Dennis Castelano called in work order for the fans to be replaced.

In closing, thank you to BWI membership for their time and attention to detail when it pertains to their safety. Thanks to BWI Safety team for their time and commitment to safety and health. Also, like to thank MRO Joe Deapolis, GSC Manager Kevin Boyd and Facilities Maintenance Dennis Castelano for their time.

If there are any questions regarding this report please feel free to contact me at dan.hilton@twu555.org.

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