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Safety in Forestry Transportation TruckSafe Rumbings is published biweekly to keep you informed on what is happening in forest hauling safety in BC. Call MaryAnne Arcand to provide input or get the news out on best practices and concerns in the industry.

DAY OF MOURNING

April 28 was the Day of Mourning for BC workers, and the International Labour Organization's World Day for Safety and Health at Work. The BC Forest Safety Council and its 15 member organizations joined workers and employers across the province at Day of Mourning ceremonies to remember and honour those who have lost their lives, been injured or made ill on the job.

Ceremonies took place in Squamish, Vancouver, Surrey, Richmond, Victoria, Port Alberni, Terrace, Penticton, Prince George, Powell River, Duncan, Gibsons and Burnaby.

Each year we support this day of reflection and recommit to ensuring all workers return home from work safely everyday. Despite the forest sector's inherent dangers, we do not accept that any of our workers should die or suffer life-altering injuries on the job. For the last three years, our forest industry has responded at every level to improve safety performance. We have collectively made a good start and we expect continued improvement. But there is a long way to go. Safety must be an over-riding priority, which means nothing comes ahead of safety — not production, not profit, not environmental protection. Worker and worksite safety comes first.

In 2007, 16 BC forestry workers died on the job, four more than the year before. To date in 2008, five have lost their lives. Even one life lost at work is one too many. Unsafe *is* still Unacceptable.

CHANGES TO PART 26 OF OHS REGS

On May 1 2008 changes to the forestry section of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation will take effect. WorkSafeBC officers told Williams Lake truckers on Friday that there will be a 2 month "soft enforcement" period (May & June) for "education and communication" about the changes. That doesn't mean people get a free ticket to violate the new requirements – just that WSBC will be focusing on information and education during that time.

Unfortunately in much of the province there won't be much logging occurring during that time, and by the time most loggers go back to work, they'll be in full enforcement mode. We'll do our best to keep you up to date on what the changes mean to you in terms of what you need to do. In the meantime, here's a few specific examples.

Changes to log book requirements - updated integrated log book template available

One change in the new regulation requires a log book for ALL trucks, including off-highway trucks which are

exempt from the CVSE logbook requirements.

The WSBC logbook requires many of the same things your CVSE logbook does, as well as cycle times and total kms driven in a day. We have revised our Integrated Log Book template accordingly and had it vetted and approved by both CVSE and WorkSafeBC as meeting all their requirements.

For those of you in the SAFE Companies program as Individual Owner Operators, this updated logbook can go in the log truck driver's tab of the SAFETy Log binder you received and you can use it to record future activities. If you are a small or large company in the SAFE Companies program, this new information should be incorporated into your company's safety program.

You can download the new Integrated Log book template from our website, or we can fax or mail you one that you can photocopy. A number of printing shops (Prince George, Williams Lake, Houston, Salmon Arm) around the province have it on file electronically, so you can get books made up. If your local shop doesn't, have them give us a call and we'll get it to them. 1-877-324-1212

You don't have to use our log book template – we're just trying to be helpful. But whatever format you use, it must include the following information for WorkSafeBC purposes

Section 26.71.2 – Daily Log

- In this section, “hauling cycle” means the time allowed for each round trip.
- The operator of a log transporter must maintain a daily log into which must be entered the following information:
- the date of the entry;
- the printed name of the operator;
- the truck licence plate or unit number;
- the odometer reading of the truck at the beginning of the day, if the truck has an odometer;
- the name of each contractor or employer for whom the operator worked during the day;
- the start and stop time of each trip the operator makes;
- the distance driven for each trip the operator makes;
- the total distance driven by the operator during the day;
- the total driving hours during the day;
- the hauling cycle.

Climbing on Trailers

The new regulations set out the rules for climbing on trailers:

Section 26.66 – Bunks and Stakes

(4.1) A worker must not go on bunks and trailer assemblies to raise or lower stakes and extensions unless it is impracticable to do otherwise.

(4.2) If a worker must go on a bunk or trailer assembly to collapse stakes or extensions, the worker must be provided a safe means of getting on and off the bunk or trailer assembly.

(4.3) Procedures must be developed and implemented for collapsing stakes or extensions during adverse weather conditions.

The explanatory notes for the regulations give a little more information (I've added the emphasis at the end). “Subsections (4.1), (4.2) and (4.3) address the concern that standing on bunks and trailers to lower stakes is a risky activity and should be avoided if possible. However, as it will be necessary to do this in some situations, the requirements set out how this must occur, especially when there are additional risks imposed by adverse weather. A FERIC report says, generally, it is practicable to raise and lower stakes without accessing the bunk or trailer assembly. It follows that the exception provided for in subsection (4.1) **would rarely, if ever, be applicable.**”

We've already heard from different WorkSafeBC officers that you're never allowed to climb on trailers. In other

words, better go get a pike pole, guys!

RESOURCE ROAD ACT INTRODUCED IN BC LEGISLATURE

On April 16, Forest Minister Rich Coleman and Energy, Mines and Petroleum Minister Richard Neufeld introduced the Resource Road Act in the legislature. It’s what’s known as an “enabling” legislation, which gives the Ministries the authority to develop the regulations that will go with the Act. Ministry officials say it’ll be about 15 months before the regulations are completed, and that there will be “stakeholder engagement” into developing the regs. According to the government press release, the Resource Road Act will set out the standards that operators will be required to meet, and will hold them accountable for their performance. The act will:

- permit consistent standards for road construction, maintenance, use and deactivation to improve safety and enhance enforcement;
- create a single resource road permit for industrial users rather than requiring them to obtain several permits;
- enable primary road authorization holders to recover their capital investment in roads as well as reasonable road maintenance costs from secondary industrial users;
- allow road permit holders to work with each other to improve safety, reduce potential conflicts and reduce the potential duplication of road systems; and
- establish a Resource Road Authority that will ensure consistent application of the act and regulations. The authority will resolve disputes and restrict the use of high-use resource roads in order to improve safety.

This Act more or less combines pieces from 5 different Acts that covered different aspects of Resource Roads, and puts them into one comprehensive Act. We’ll keep you updated as to progress and developing issues. To see it, go to: http://www.leg.bc.ca/38th4th/1st_read/gov30-1.htm

RESOURCE ROAD SAFETY PRACTICES MATRIX

WorkSafeBC has released its Resource Road Safety Practices, which is available as an InfoFlip (cost \$20) or a free download from their website.

http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/health_and_safety/by_topic/assets/pdf/rrsp.pdf

It outlines responsibilities on resource roads of every level of involvement, from the road “owner”, to a permit holder, to contractors, to truckers, and even to casual users. WorkSafeBC officers have been oriented to this document, and you can expect to be having compliance discussions with them.

TRUCKER APPRECIATION DAY IN WILLIAMS LAKE

This past Friday the 12th annual Trucker Appreciation Day was held in Williams Lake, sponsored by the Cariboo Chilcotin Trucking Compliance Committee, which consists of representatives from CVSE, RCMP, Tolko, West Fraser and log truckers. This year’s event was attended by over 100 truckers, who heard presentations from various speakers on safety, hours of service, Project Inform, RCMP strategies, the changes to Part 26 of the WCB regs, technology developments and Standard of Care as a professional driver. Compliance awards were handed out along with a ton of prizes. Good work, guys!

INDIVIDUAL OWNER-OPERATOR TRAINING FOR SAFE COMPANIES CERTIFICATION

Individual Owner Operator (IOO) Training for SAFE Companies is well underway, and coming soon to a town near you. If there has already been one in your area and you missed it, chances are it’ll be coming back. Here’s the list for the next month. If your location, or one close by, isn’t on it, give our Nanaimo office a call, 1 877 741 1060, and they’ll start a wait list for your community.

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| 04-28 Salmon Arm | 04-28 Houston |
| 04-29 Golden | 04-29 Burns Lake |
| 04-30 Kamloops | 05-01 Vernon |
| 05-02 Fort St. James | 05-02 Clearwater |
| 05-05 Nakusp | 05-05 Princeton |
| 05-07 Squamish | 05-08 Kamloops |
| 05-08 Langley | 05-09 Port Clements |

DOCUMENTING HAZARD ALERTS FOR YOUR IOO SAFETY Log

We've been hearing at the IOO training sessions that you're not necessarily getting the hazard alerts from contractors. So here are a few recent ones that you can download, print, and insert in your SAFETY Log, to meet your audit requirements

[Close Call - Wind blows over tree and hits empty logging truck \(pdf\)](#)

[Sweep strikes unloaded Logging truck \(pdf\)](#)

[Log load shifts forward during trip to sawmill \(pdf\)](#)

[Logging Trucks Collide \(pdf\)](#)

[Unsafe Log Hauling Hazard Alert \(pdf\)](#)

[Close Call - Radio Silence Nearly Leads to Head on Collision \(Pdf\)](#)

[Close Call - Object in path of logging truck leads to serious incident \(pdf\)](#)

[Close Call - Public vehicle and Logging truck nearly collide \(pdf\)](#)

[Close Call - Loaded Logging truck and Pickup Nearly Collide \(pdf\)](#)

[Truck Driver sustains eye injury from falling debris off loaded truck \(pdf\)](#)

[Logging Truck operator endangers self \(pdf\)](#)

[Close Call - Logging Truck ends up in ditch in winter conditions \(pdf\)](#)

If you have close calls or incidents, please forward a Hazard Alert to Armstrong@bcforestsafe.org. For more Alerts, visit www.bcforestsafe.org and click on Safety Information.

PROTRUCKER NORTHERN BC BIG RIG SHOW 'N SHINE

Off for break-up? Cleaning up the ol' girl anyway? How bout entering your ride in the Northern BC Pro-Trucker Big Rig Show 'n Shine being held June 6 & 7 during Forest & Resources Expo in Prince George? There will be all kinds of categories and trophies, including best logging truck, best specialty truck (picker trucks fit here), best combination, best gravel truck, etc. We're hoping for 50 or more trucks for this inaugural event. We're also looking for trophy sponsors, if you want your name on a trophy and the recognition that brings.

For truckers, there's also an opportunity for a wildcard spot on the WOW trucks calendar. You can go to www.Pro-Truckermagazine.com to find out more about it and the Big Rig Shows planned for this year. For further information on the Northern BC show, give us a call at 1 877 324 1212. Kathleen will be happy to help you out!

PROVINCIAL RESOURCE ROAD RADIO FREQUENCY PROJECT

The provincial working group that's leading this project has posted all the documents for the pilots and implementation plans to date on the Ministry of Forests and BCTS websites. To see the latest developments go to http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/BCTS/areas/TSG/TSG_RRFPP.htm or http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/engineering/Road_Radio_Pilot_Project.htm

More on this and the radio survey next issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8, 9, 10	Interior Logging Convention, Kamloops
May 31, June 1	Community Forests Conference, Sechelt
June 3-5	International Bio Energy Conference, Prince George
June 5-7	Forest & Resources Expo, Prince George
June 6 & 7	Pro-Trucker Northern BC Big Rig Show n Shine, Prince George
July 5 & 6	Big Rig Weekend, Chilliwack
Aug 2 & 3	Vancouver Island Truck Show, Saanich

If you have a trucking related event you'd like us to post for you, email arcand@bcforestsafe.org with the details.

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