



MCUA's Safety & Health Committee Serves Critical Role

Employee and Public Safety of Paramount Importance at Authority

In its six decades of service to Middlesex County, the MCUA has maintained a longstanding, proactive commitment to the health and safety of its employees and the public at large.

This commitment is best exemplified—and carried out—by the Authority's Safety & Health Committee, which meets ten times a year to review issues of concern at the Middlesex County Landfill, Sayreville Pump Station, and the Central Treatment Plant.

At each meeting, the Committee discusses any accidents since the previous meeting in the following categories: Administration, Landfill, Laboratory/IPP, Lines & Meters, Maintenance, Operations, Solids/Chemfix, and Sayreville Pump Station. For each accident or injury, the committee assesses lost time and determines the appropriate corrective actions to prevent reoccurrences.

During the Committee's recent August 13th meeting, specific issues discussed included maintenance equipment (specifically the use of weedwackers) and the Sayreville Pump Station.

Other items on the agenda were the proactive and corrective actions taken since the previous meeting. For example, the Committee is in the process of reviewing the policy and procedures for instances in



The MCUA's Safety & Health Committee meets in August to discuss incidents that have occurred since their last meeting and to plan for future safety improvements.



which an employee calls for an ambulance, as well as specifically which hospital employees should go to if injured. The MCUA also recently conducted a confined space drill and emergency evacuation drill at the Middlesex County Landfill.

“The safety of our employees, many of whom work in very dynamic settings, is a top priority of the MCUA,” explained Safety & Health Committee Chairman Brian Murray, the Landfill’s General Superintendent. “Through this committee, we’ve given employees at all levels of the organization a structured way in which to raise concerns and propose solutions for making the MCUA an even safer workplace.”

“The members of the Safety & Health Committee do a terrific job of responding to incidents at the Authority, but more importantly they stay ahead of potential incidents by constantly evaluating our safety protocols and identifying opportunities to operate in a safer, more efficient way,” said Richard Fitamant, the MCUA’s Executive Director. “Their vigilance creates a safer place for all of us who work at the Authority and also contributes to a healthier environment.”

Members of the MCUA’s Safety & Health Committee include Brian Murray (Chairman), Victor Santamarina (Vice Chairman), Trish Kehoe (Secretary), William Light, Daniel Widener, William Thomas, Kevin Aiello, Joseph DiGiacomo, Robert Latham, Fred Burgos, Michael DiNinno, Thomas Bahr, Robert Geant, Frank Brzozowski, Mark Herdman, Matthew Trapp, Karen Felice, Jeff DePew, and alternates John Yannuzzi, Andy Ozga, Paul Poggioli, and Brian Jackowski.



The Middlesex County Landfill staff recently conducted safety drills on confined spaces and emergency evacuation.



Properly operating the Wastewater Division’s technological infrastructure requires extensive technical expertise and an understanding of safety protocols.

Solid Waste Division

July 2014 Tonnage Figures

	Monthly Tons	Cumulative Tons
2014	48,204	309,034
2013	53,862	321,265

An average of 246 trucks hauled a total of 1,854 tons of waste to the landfill facility each day.

Wastewater Division

July 2014 Statistics

- Average Influent flow – 102.17 mgd
- Average Effluent TSS –23 mg/l
- Average Effluent BOD – 16 mg/l
- Biosolids production – 14,493 wet tons, a 3.2% increase over the five-year average. The entire amount was processed through the dryers.

*Rainfall for the month was 6.96 inches as measured at the plant.