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Powered Industrial Truck Training, June 17th, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

Jim Linsley from Hyster New England and Steve Beyer from NHDES OSHA consultation program gave very enthusiastic, personable and insightful presentations the Powered Industrial Truck Training on June 17, 2009. They reviewed the OSHA standards specific to Powered Industrial Trucks and explained more about the Regional Emphasis Program that was created to reduce the high number of injuries and fatalities caused by forklift accidents.

Jim and Steve stressed that although the classroom component is an important part of training, it is also necessary for operators to receive hands-on training on the specific powered industrial truck they operate. Each operator should be observed using the powered industrial truck as required by their job and evaluated on their performance. The classroom training, hands-on training, individual operator evaluations should be documented and kept in your records (please save the Powered Industrial Truck training sign-in sheet attached to this email for your records). The Powered Industrial Truck training only needs to be repeated every three years, unless there are close calls, the operator has been observed or evaluated operating in an unsafe manner, if operator is assigned a different truck, or workplace conditions change.

Lastly, if a powered industrial truck was modified in anyway even if extensions are added to the Powered Industrial Truck the manufacturer needs to be contacted to calculate the new specs and load capacity and new plate needs to be issued and displayed. For more information, please go to

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=9828.

If you have further questions about your specific workplace environment please contact Jim Linsley at jlinsley@hysternewengland.com or Steve Beyer Stephen.Beyer@des.nh.gov.

Some fun pictures from Steve Beyer reminding us to take care of the machines we have or your might have to use these low budget forklift alternatives.

