

AIHA-UMS September Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2005

Topic: Tour of BNSF Railway Mechanical Facilities and Terminal Yard

Speaker: Mark Mitchell, CIH, ROH, CSP, Assistant Director Industrial Hygiene Medical & Environmental Health

Location: BNSF Railway Northtown Terminal

80 44th Ave. NE, Minneapolis

Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Tour highlights: The Northtown Diesel Locomotive Repair Facility has comprehensive industrial hygiene and safety programs in place. The tour will include a visit to the newly built Reliability Center where a locomotive will be on display for tour attendees. Welding fume and diesel exhaust ventilation systems are in place at Northtown as well as fall protection systems, confined space entry and an asbestos abatement program for rolling stock.

An overview of how the terminal operations will be included in the tour highlighting the following:

- the Hump tower which coordinates train building
- the Bowl which is where trains being built are staged
- the Service Track (otherwise known as the Diesel Pit) which is the equivalent of your corner gas station
- the locomotive wash rack

PPE Requirements: steel-toed shoes, safety glasses with fixed side shields, and hard hats. If you need help from your local Section finding (loaning) the listed PPE for you please let us know during registration. THE SITE WILL NOT PROVIDE THE PPE, AND THE MEMBER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TOUR.

Registration required by Thursday, August 25 (late registrations will not be permitted due to facility constraints).

NOTE NEW CONTACT: RSVP to Deb Green at <<mailto:debgreen@att.net>> or 763-545-5510 x18.

[Directions to Meeting Location at BNSF:](#)

[Park in our huge parking lot on the south side of the one story white building that sits on the southwest quadrant of the intersection of 44th Avenue and Main Street.](#)

[Enter the building through the west entrance. Enter the building through the furthest north door that says: "Minnesota Division". Proceed down the hallway to the east and look for the signs leading to the Great Northern Conference Room.](#)

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