



Occupational Health and Safety Committee -Toronto

Committee Report

February 24, 2009

Embraer Dry Flushing

As a result of two reports (34C's) received recently we have discovered that when the Embraer toilet is flushed with no water, the contents splash up.

A conference call ensued with members from different Air Canada departments.

The MEL for the Embraer does not include any procedure when no water is available. The fleet specialist will be putting a recommendation to Transport Canada requesting that it be added to the Embraer MEL and also that across all the aircrafts that the MEL paragraph pertaining to this issue be clear and descriptive enough such that it does not lead to different interpretations.

The fleet specialist has also sent a request to Embraer for approval to shut off an air valve to the toilets which would allow flushing without splashing up.

In the meantime, an announcement is to be created requesting passengers (and crew) to close the lid of the toilet prior to flushing in conditions where no water exists. Information will be added to the April GO. In the interim it has been requested that this information be placed as a FLASH.

FYI: it was said that currently 3-6 Embraers fly without water per day. This is due to "glitches" in the Water Freeze Protection Kit. If it is deemed U/S, then the water tanks are not filled.

Disruptive Passenger Reports

As of January 2009, our WPC has agreed to e-mail Kim Swan of the legal department for follow-up as soon as we receive the 34D report. This will allow a more timely response to the report. Kay Mackenzie has elected to inform crew members of the response from the legal department by sending an e-mail to their Air Canada e-mail account.

The local committee will be copied on this correspondence. We will be monitoring whether crew members actually receive the e-mail. (Whether they look at their e-mail or even have an active account).



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Black Soot from Air Conditioning Vents on the Embraer

YWG minutes are being taken over by YUL. However the “Black soot from the air conditioning vents of the Embraer” is currently an open issue in YYZ. This issue was in the general discussion section of the YWG minutes.

We’re pretty certain Kay will attempt to have the issue closed at our next joint meeting stating work duplication.

Is YUL doing anything in regards to this issue? Any suggestions as to how to pursue this issue?

No Emer Call/ No information

AV Herald news seems to provide more information then we actually are able to obtain from the company. Would it be a good habit to check monthly the information and add the information to our file?

If it has been reported on the AV Herald website and we have not received a call or received a report from the incident, any suggestions on how to proceed? Should we simply advise company and request information relating to report?

ETQ: excellence through quality

Whatever that means! We had our first experience using this “resource”. We had a report of a spill in the Cargo and no one could find out what were the contents of the pallet. We received through ETQ 4 months after the incident that it was a cosmetics spill. We were told that ETQ started off just as a database but the company is now starting to use it. The time for a response can obviously be quite lengthy.

Broken Glass in Trolleys

We are getting quite a few reports of injuries and incidents of broken glass in the trolleys. It is suspected that it is from rough handling.

Embraer Arming/Disarming Injuries

There is now a job card addressing Embraer door where they access and then rectify the rigging of the door. Based on the most recent information received by the Fleet Specialist, they are still trying to resolve the problem, even when the rigging is corrected, it does not necessarily mean a fix.

Release Hours for the Committee

Based on the notes left by Jen, the YYZ base has grown by 228 crew members. However there is an anticipated layoff of 365 crew members (probably most from YYZ, maybe less with mitigation). The 51 hours from the YWG and YHZ committees are still not accounted



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for. No request has been made from the part of YYZ for an increase in hours for the committee.

Suggest perhaps waiting to request these hours when the crew members return to work or with resolution of POW?

Closing comment

We miss Jen ☺ and think Brandon is really cute.

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