



TWU 555 Safety & Health Committee

To: Jesse Soto, Safety & Health Advisor
From: Rob Castilleja, Safety & Health Committee
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Subject: BHM Safety Visit

The following safety and health concerns were documented during a safety walk by you Jesse, Station Manager Kim Peters, Safety Rep Luster Armstrong, and myself.

- 1) The lav triturator is in not being maintained by other carriers whose hoses do not fit the dump attachment therefore agent must walk in lav waste to service our truck. We recommend the airport install a camera to monitor who is causing this sanitation health issue. DAL had cameras installed for this same problem. *Picture attached*
- 2) The propylene glycol storage tank appears to be leaking.
- 3) Deicing trucks 1 & 2 both have substantial glycol leaks. Also DE 1 headset connector is broke.
- 4) Gate 14 potable water cabinet is leaking.
- 5) The ice cooler door for bagged ice storage needs to be replaced as tape is being used to hold it together.
- 6) Pushback 3 headlights do not work. Luster informed us the mechanics have tried to fix it but the lights keep going out.
- 7) Open Cart 31 tarp handle is missing.
- 8) BL 04 Left headlight is not working.
- 9) BL 05 conveyor belt has shifted to the left at the front end and is rubbing against the metal causing the belt strap to start shredding.
- 10) BL 01 right headlight is pointing up.
- 11) Pushback 02 front tires are both low on air.
- 12) All belt loader hand throttles need to be checked. This is the handle to give the belt a little more speed.
- 13) Jetway 10 needs a mirror for backing up visibility. Also, ramp agents are reporting there is poor lighting at night in this ramp area. To reduce the potential for employee injury or aircraft/equipment damage sufficient lighting is needed. Luster informed us someone from Safety in Dallas had came out and done a test for lighting and then nothing was done to improve the work area.
- 14) There are fuel cans kept right next to a heater under the terminal breezeway and one can next to the flammable storage container.
- 15) The trash cart is in serious need of repairs as the top lids are all missing, the drain valve underneath is broke causing leakage (EPA violation), and is very filthy needing to be pressure cleaned. *Picture attached*
- 16) In the front area of the ramp near the break room the cleaners are dumping soap, wax, and dirty water. This also is an EPA violation and against SWA Storm water policies.
- 17) Lav truck muffler is missing and exposing employees to heavy carbon monoxide. The truck has been tagged out. *Picture attached* Also, the right side rearview mirror is missing.
- 18) The men's restroom urinal is out of order and agents stated it has been an ongoing problem.
- 19) There is a covered tug that sustained damage to the upper right front corner about 6 months ago and has yet to be fixed even as there is metal protruding visibly out. *Picture attached*

T-Point

- T point is in need of overhead heaters.
- The straight belt does not have machine guarding at the end that can cause serious injury. OSHA 29 CFR 1917.151. *Picture attached.*
- There is tape on electrical casing in two areas of the overhead part of the T point belt. OSHA 29CFR 1910.137 (b) (1). *Picture attached.*
- There are some dodge caps missing on the T point belt.



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We met with agents to discuss the importance of everyone being involved in reporting unsafe equipment and facilities. We heard concerns from agents for not having proper help in heavy bins. Our recommendation is to inform the supervisor help will be needed. The goal is to keep **Safety Priority One** for all employees and if local leadership is monitoring the workloads and planning accordingly then accidents and injuries will be reduced.

We want to thank Kim for her time and willingness to start making calls to get things fixed as we were doing the audit. We want to also thank Luster and Gary Wilson (not there on day of visit) for their interest in workplace safety and health. Finally, a big thanks to all the hardworking Union members of BHM who help Southwest Airlines be a great company to work for!

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