

RVOC Highlights

Wire Testing

Send length of cable to Rick Trask / WHOI and he will conduct a pull test to determine the break tension of the wire.

Length should be terminated with the type of termination used for your wire.

This test performed free of charge except for the cost of shipping your wire to Rick. I forgot to ask but would assume if you want your termination back you will have to pay for that as well.

I asked about getting a copy of the test standards so institutions could have their wires tested locally by themselves but the standards had not been determined at this time. My concern was the expense of shipping the wire to Rick and the return of my termination, not to mention being without my termination, made it more feasible for me to continue using my local vendor than sending it to WHOI.

Safe Working Loads (SWL) Standards

This will be presented later in our meeting.

Be sure to ask any questions as these standards are expected to be finalized this year.

TWIC – Transportation Workers Identification Card

To be discussed later in the agenda

RVOC Safety Committee

RVSS Revision

- Nearly completed. The manual has undergone a complete re-organization to better distinguish between what is required by regulations and what is required by the Safety Manual. The items required by regulations have been thoroughly reviewed by Jon Albertson.
- Chapter Ten – Explosives has been removed and the pertinent content will be part of Chapter Nine
- A new chapter, Chapter 18 – Personal Safety has been added. Sexual harassment, Drug and Alcohol Policy, ADA Guidelines and General Science Party Safety will be included in this chapter

- I will email the final draft to everyone for review once it has been completed. This will be the last time to make comments or suggestions.
- The revision is expected to be completed early 2008 and hopefully presented to the UNOLS Council at their Spring meeting.

SWL Standards

- written by this committee and a status report given to the RVOC Group.