

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

June 24, 2015
Meeting Summary

Members Present: Mike Mayers (chair), Jim Kiser, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer McKay, Joe McQuillin, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Debi Rothermund, Jennifer Stewart, Heidi Lively Melton,

Members Absent: Carrie Burkholder, Christina McKnight, Kevin Christman, Clay Simmons, Dan Kermoyan, Denson Chatfield, Bill Coslow, Patrick Hughes, Mike Bamberger, Jim Patton, Anthony Veltri, Michael Mitchell, LeAnna Pitts, Ariel Leshchinsky

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from May were approved, pending update of safety training data.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

The slip that occurred in McNary Dining was on a mat; no apparent cause was found.

A person who works for Rec Sports was injured while volunteering at the time (doing the same work as they are paid to do). Workers sometimes volunteer in order to get more experience. This is a voluntary opportunity for workers, not an expected duty. Rec Sports is reviewing their policies.

An incident involving use of a lift gate did or will require updated training for using the lift gate.

There was a hydrofluoric acid spill which involved one person being splashed on their hand. Response by all involved was very good. Calcium gluconate was used to initially treat the splash, then they were taken to the hospital for follow up. An open waste container was bumped, causing the spill. Additional training will be provided regarding waste containers, volumes, etc. OSU should implement a hydrofluoric acid policy/program similar to what has been established for pyrophorics.

EH&S REPORT OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS

No items of interest/concern were reported.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE-SAFETY WORK ORDERS REPORT

A biosafety lab's fume hood is not working; no response has been received.

Drivers have been noted turning the wrong way onto 26th Street from Monroe. Mike M will contact Nathan Patterson in Construction/Maintenance to see about additional signage.

Orchard Street near Cordley – cars are speeding and a crosswalk (and possible removal of parking space for visibility) is needed near the A1 parking lot.

The road between CH2M and the parking structure – people are not stopping at sign. Painting lines might help.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

Mike noted that SAIF is offering Train the Trainer sessions for Sim-licity (a condensed version of all four SIM modules) on July 23, and SIM Train the Trainer on August 12-13.

In June, EH&S recorded the following safety training across 53 departments:

May	Course
16	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
31	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
1	NIH Guidelines
94	Hazardous waste generator
0	Shipping hazardous materials awareness
77	General laboratory safety
62	Animal handler safety
9	Respirator training/fit testing (+1 SCBA fit test)
48	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
5	Chainsaw safety
44	Farm safety
13	Farm fuels
9	Farm machinery
18	Fire extinguisher
1	Forklift
94	Globally harmonized system/hazcomm
19	Golf cart/utility vehicle
39	Multiple topics for farm workers
19	Office and general safety
0	SIM training
5	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
4	Laser safety
1	Nuclear gauge user
6	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
6/6	Isotope user/refresher
2	Radiation Center
4	Sealed radiation source orientation/refresher
9	X-ray machine safety

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was addressed at this meeting.

OLD ACTION ITEMS PENDING

Jennifer Stewart will follow-up with SAIF regarding SIM training for OSU community that are not OSU employees.

Committee members reviewed current practices for student staff unable to complete the essential functions of their employment. Mike Mayers will coordinate a work group to create recommendations for departments.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim noted that the Oregon Department of Forestry expects a full forest shutdown by the middle of July due to hot, dry conditions. This will involve all work and recreational activities. The College of Forestry has instituted a video safety library, available to COF personnel/students.

Committee members can ask Jim for access if they are interested.

Information on avoidance/treatment of poison oak should be added to the EH&S website.

Jennifer McKay was nominated as the next chair; she accepted and will begin her term next month.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 22, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Magruder Hall room 269