

Oregon State University Safety Committee
Summary of the April 22, 2009 meeting

Members present: Martha Adams, Ranya Adkinson, Mark Collins, Drew Desilet, Jim Ervin, Rainier Farmer, Bryan Feyerherm, Joyce Fred, Gary Fuszek, Karin Hardin, Dan Kermoyan, Kay Miller, Stacy Semevolos, Jennifer Stewart

Members absent: Sherri Hawkins, Jim Kiser, Heidi Melton (chair)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes approved.

ACCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS. The Research Assistant who was exposed to Trizol had a vial explode in her hand. She was wearing eyeglasses (not safety glasses). Joyce asked the status of the individual involved in the time loss case who was injured when burning brush at an Experiment Station. Heidi was not available to answer; Dan has spoken with the supervisor and discussed safe work practices.

SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT. Reports of completed inspections are available on the EH&S web page. Committee members are invited to attend building inspections as scheduled.

Karin Hardin expressed an interest in joining the reinspection of Milam. In the inspection report for rooms 011 and 102, there were some problems with the liquid nitrogen containers and ventilation requirements.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW. Hearing Conservation. The draft policy will be modified per comments received at the meeting. If members have further comments, the electronic copy they received can be modified with "track changes" turned on, then submitted to Dan for consolidation. EH&S will clarify and issue a new draft for review at the next regular meeting.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE. No training reports are being received by EH&S for inclusion in this report. Safety training recorded by Environmental Health and Safety for February and March occurred in 43 departments and included:

- 8 bloodborne pathogen/lab biosafety
- 3 biosafety lab 3
- 17 infectious waste management
- 51 animal handler safety
- 20 respirator fit test and training
- 25 acknowledgement of safety training/hazard communication
- 85 back care and how to lift
- 80 confined space awareness
- 22 confined space entrant/attendant/supervisor
- 4 office safety
- 20 golf/utility cart

- 3 initial - unsealed isotopes
- 1 sealed radioactive materials (initial or refresher)
- 4 x-ray machines

OLD BUSINESS The Remote Site Safety policy is ready for final committee review. It was suggested that the Remote Site Safety Instruction (as developed by Pete Schoonover, EH&S) be “beta tested” by a few groups prior to submittal to Mark McCambridge.

NEW BUSINESS

- UHSC Charter and member roles
 - Roles, responsibilities, terms need to be fleshed out in Charter. Joyce and Dan will work together on it.
 - There will be a Chair, Past Chair and Chair-Elect (duties need to be defined).
 - Some committee members are required (e.g. union representative, HR, Risk Officer), and some should be appointed based on risk (department, type of work, injury history, etc.).
 - Members should send suggestions on the draft charter (with Track Changes turned on) to Dan and Heidi.
- Accident Reporting Format – tabled until next meeting
- Safety Inspections Report Format – tabled until next meeting
- Training Report Format – tabled until next meeting.

Joyce and Dan are working on creating a risk assessment summary (cost of accidents).

ACTION ITEMS

- A. The hearing protection policy will be modified per comments received at the meeting. **Members** should submit suggested changes to Dan for consolidation. **EH&S** will clarify and issue a new draft for review at the next regular meeting.
- B. **Joyce and Dan** will work on fleshing out the UHSC Charter. **Members** should submit suggestions to Dan and Heidi.
- C. **Kay** will distribute maps and forms for the Campus Safety Walk.

NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be the Campus Safety Walk. Kay will distribute maps and instructions. Meet at 2:00 pm at the MU.

DISTRIBUTION:

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