

## **Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee**

### **Summary of the September 22, 2010 meeting**

**Members present:** Jim Ervin, Rainier Farmer, Bryan Feyerherm, Gary Fuszek, Karin Hardin (chair), Sherri Hawkins, Dan Kermoyan, Mike Mayers, Heidi Melton, Becky Paasch, Jennifer Stewart

**Members absent:** Martha Adams, Joseph Evans, Joyce Fred, Jim Kiser, Kay Miller, Ricardo Letelier

**Guests present:** Aaron Williams, USDA

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** August minutes approved.

#### **INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS.**

First Aid 7/13/10: fungi exposure (Vet Med) – Goat was returned for treatment for Cryptococcus abscess and brought into the hospital. Definite exposure, animal tested positive but no staff contracted Cryptococcus.

First Aid 8/2/10: sprain (Withycombe) – Faculty sprained ankle on stairwell. Stairwell main lights were on a timer – lighting was dim at the time. Timer will be reset for the main lights.

First Aid 8/4/10: burn (Dixon) – student changing a light ballast was shocked with small finger burn. Student was not authorized to change a ballast and has been retrained. A licensed electrician is required to change a ballast on a hard-wired light fixture. Student immediately reported the accident.

First Aid 8/6/10: broken nose (Harney County Court House) – staff did not seek medical treatment as nose had been broken before.

First Aid 8/26/10: dog bite (VTH Radiology) – animal restraint issue – procedures were being followed. Dog may have been coming out of sedation.

First Aid 8/30/10: cut (Large Animal Hospital) – animal restraint issue – procedures were being followed. Normal horse reaction during sedation.

First Aid 8/31/10: abrasion (Outside Poling Hall) – Employee tripped on uneven sidewalk. Dan will meet with the employee to verify the location.

Medical Treatment 7/28/10: hand injury (Steer a Year Barn) – hand cramp worsened overtime. Student with multiple jobs.

Medical Treatment 8/25/10: back strain (644 SW 13<sup>th</sup>) – Student strained back moving surplus property. Surplus would be a good department to include in Safety in Motion training.

Time Loss 8/22/10: chest pains (Magruder Hall) – withdrew claim, not work related.

Time Loss 8/25/10: eye injury (1220 SW Jefferson) – Floor wax remover splashed into eyes. Victim drove themselves to the doctor. Need to check on supervisors role.

Time Loss 8/26/10: ankle burn (Hyslop Farm) – non-OSU student working in fields reported burning/blistering on feet several days later after weeds in shoes. Student is still on modified duty and should have been wearing appropriate clothing. SAIF is investigating this claim.

Noted that sock-like 5 toed shoes are being used more around campus. These shoes offer no foot protection and have been banned from Dixon weight & Cardio rooms.

## **SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT.**

Health/Safety Inspection Report

- Initial Inspections for October: TBA
- Reinspections for October: TBA

Jim Patton will be providing pre-inspection check lists. Re-inspections are usually six weeks after the initial inspection – gives time to fix problems. Jim will contact building contacts if problems are not corrected and the expectation is that they will be fixed. You can contact Jim with any questions.

## **OSHA DAIRY INSPECTION**

Dan reported that there were several violations including open pit effluent (manure) in a confined space without air monitoring, uncovered electrical boxes, no guardrails around trench, missing grates over drains, broken ladder, unsafe extension cords – resulting in \$670 in fines.

## **SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE**

For the month of September, EH&S recorded the following training, which occurred in 28 departments:

155	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (initial or refresher)
37	General Lab Safety
9	Animal Handler safety
16	Respirator training and fit test
38	Acknowledgement and hazcomm
12	Golf/utility cart
1	Office and general safety
7	Isotope user orientation
1	Isotope user refresher
6	Sealed radioactive source orientation
15	X-ray training
5	Lab Hazard Awareness

## **OLD BUSINESS**

AED's - Ricardo will follow up on AED access onboard research marine ships

Chainsaw Training - Gary shared that Facilities requires chainsaw training certification every three years. Gary will inquire about training records and EH&S.

Safety Walks – send your safety walk results to Kay.

#### Policy 102: Emergency Response

- Dan met with Chuck Yutzie at Campus Security. Campus Security can transport non-students to medical facilities as a last resort. Campus Security has limited resources available and cannot commit to all requests.
- Supervisor's should be the main transport option if present.
- Building evacuations and the procedure of not using elevators is being reviewed.
- Emergency phone numbers will be revised
- Changing Accident Investigation to Accident Reporting
- Share any other suggestions with Dan

#### Temporary Employee Hiring Recommendation

- Claims from temporary employees have rose from 0 in 2003 to 13 in 2009 and committee reviewed whether the university should hire through a temp agency who would be responsible for medical claims
- Currently, if an OSU temporary employee has been given restricted duty and OSU does not have any work for them, OSU pays the time loss.
- Committee determined that this was a risk/cost issue and not a safety issue, so will defer to Risk Management

#### Accident Statistics and Training Report for Dept Heads

- A sub-committee will be re-formed to create accident statistic and training reports for dept. heads.
- The sub-committee includes Dan, Jennifer, Heidi, Karin and Joyce.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Policy 202 – Ex.4: List of Personal Protective Equipment

- Can include chainsaw training
- Added information on chainsaw chaps and bicycle helmets
  - Chaps are currently required for Agriculture and Forestry. Need to require them for all OSU departments.
  - Forestry has chainsaw training and EH&S will encourage the Agriculture dept. to participate
- The employer should provide all safety equipment
- Discussion about overall equipment training
- Review policy and share revisions with Dan

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Dan will meet with the employee who tripped to determine the exact location of the uneven sidewalk
- B. Gary will inquire with Facilities on sharing chainsaw training records with EH&S
- C. Send any Policy 201 & Policy 202 suggestions with Dan
- D. Accident Statistics and Training Report sub-committee will re-convene

**NEXT MEETING.** Wednesday, October 27, 2:00 – 3:30 pm, **Milam Room 115**

**Future meetings:**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Building</u></b>	<b><u>Room</u></b>
October 27, 2010	Milam	Room 115
November 24, 2010	Milam	Room 115
December 22, 2010	Milam	Room 115
January 26, 2011	Student Health Ctr	Conference Room A
February 23, 2011	Student Health Ctr	Conference Room A
March 23, 2011	Student Health Ctr	Conference Room A

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