

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

### **Summary of the March 27, 2013 meeting**

**Members present:** Martha Adams, Brandi Aston, Joseph Evans (Chair), Rainier Farmer, Patrick Hughes, Nick Larsen, Michael Mayers, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Jennifer Stewart, Carolyn Tix

**Members absent:** Jim Ervin, Camille Freitag, Karin Hardin, Dan Kermoyan, Ricardo Letelier, Matthew Rodgers

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

**INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS** To follow up the January discussion of an incident that occurred in December involving a student who was splashed by “FreezGard” while filling a drum, Michael Mayers reported that the ODOT facility where the FreezGard was obtained was a new supplier for the material. ODOT staff helped the student set up the hose to fill the MU-owned barrel, and the hose did not fit properly. The student cleaned up with soap and water.

It was suggested that Printing and Mailing personnel receive Safety In Motion (SIM) training as provided by SAIF in order to prevent back strain injuries.

Further information is needed about the mold inhalation incident – is it common to find mold on hazelnut sample materials? Was respirator protection offered, used, trained?

**FIRE/LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS** Scheduled inspections listed in the agenda.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW** SAF 105, Hazard Communication. Send comments to Kay for compiling. There will be some changes due to the new Globally Harmonized System (GHS) and new Safety Data Sheets (which will replace Material Safety Data Sheets).

**SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE** In February, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 23 departments:

- 18 Bloodborne pathogen/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
- 7 Animal handler safety
- 3 NIH Guidelines training
- 7 General Lab safety
- 6 Respirator training/fit test
- 15 Acknowledgement of training and hazard communication
- 2 Office safety
- 5 Isotope user orientation
- 1 Isotope user refresher training
- 1 Sealed radiation source user orientation
- 8 X-ray training
- 2 Radiation Center orientation

**NEW BUSINESS** Recreational Sports will be rolling out a new wellness campaign, “Stand more, sit less” for the FY 2013-2014 year. Jennifer will see about having someone give a presentation to the committee prior to implementation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

SAF 103, OSU Safety Program – ready to publish. Kay will submit to Sara Monk in HR.  
SAF 104, Construction Safety – send comments/edits to Kay.  
SAF 111, Golf Cart – to be discussed further at the April meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**EH&S** will recommend SIM training to Printing and Mailing Services.

**Dan** will further investigate the mold inhalation incident.

**Jennifer** will look into having a Rec Sports presentation on “Stand more, sit less.”

**Kay** will submit SAF 103 for publishing.

### **ACTION ITEMS (carried forward)**

A Safety Instruction needs to be developed for bites, exposures to poison oak, etc. **(EH&S)** *Not completed*

The **committee** was asked to talk to those in charge in their own departments about current emergency plans. *No update*

**Dan** will be asked to follow up on the two injuries noted in the January minutes. *No report*

**Patrick** will determine status of Accident Review Board. *Brandi and Patrick will work on putting together a Board.*

### **ACTION ITEM UPDATES**

EH&S will develop a procedure for non-lab workers performing work in lab areas. *In process.*

**Dan** will investigate Network Analyst injury circumstances. *Not available to report.*

**Joe** will send a note to Mike Mayers and Robin Ryan regarding use of cutting gloves. *Done.*

**Dan** will look further into construction at off-campus facilities, and will talk with Lowell Fausett. *Not available to report.*

**NEXT MEETING** April 24, 2013, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, **McAlexander Field House.**

**Safety Committee Roster:** Martha Adams, Brandi Aston, Jim Ervin, Joseph Evans, Rainier Farmer, Camille Freitag, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Nick Larsen, Ricardo Letelier, Michael Mayers, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Mathew Rodgers, Jennifer Stewart, Carolyn Tix

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