

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

Summary of the September 26, 2012 meeting

Members present: Brandi Aston, Jim Ervin, Joe Evans (Chair), Rainier Farmer, Camille Freitag, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Michael Mayers, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Jennifer Stewart

Members absent: Martha Adams, Greg Axe, Ricardo Letelier, Mathew Rodgers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes from August were approved.

INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS In Crop and Soil Science, a worker had material splashed in their eye while wearing safety goggles. Dan will look into getting better safety goggles for them.

Heidi noted that a Report of Accident must be completed for all motor vehicle accidents, whether there is an injury or not.

A worker was injured at the wave lab while using a table saw with no blade guard or splitter installed. Joe and Dan will draft a letter to require guard. Some after-market products work well. Jim Ervin is interested in seeing Dan's recommendation.

The Agriculture Safety Committee (and Dan) will discuss Soap Creek Ranch accidents.

It was suggested that the committee revisit the temp agency recommendation. A proposed policy was forwarded from the UHSC to Risk Management, but hasn't been followed up on by the Risk Committee.

Workers and supervisors need to be taught that supervisors are responsible for accident reports.

FIRE/LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS Not available.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW More edits were suggested for the golf cart policy. It was agreed to remove references to driving on sidewalks. Members are to submit their changes (using "Track Changes") to Heidi by October 10 for compilation. Heidi will email the revision to all members for review prior to the next meeting. Once approved by the committee, Joe will send to OSU Legal for approval.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE In August, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 30 departments:

- 14 Bloodborne pathogen/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
- 45 Animal handler safety
- 4 General Lab safety
- 6 Respirator training/fit test
- 12 Acknowledgement of training and hazard communication
- 9 Forklift safety
- 2 Golf cart/utility vehicle
- 9 Office safety
- 2 Initial isotope user training

- 1 Radiation Center training
- 2 Isotope refresher training
- 6 X-ray training
- 1 Sealed radiation source refresher

NEW BUSINESS Justin Fleming, Motor Pool Manager, talked about the USDA excess vehicle program. Vehicles are available to Ag and Forestry programs; USDA maintains ownership. This includes all types of equipment – dump trucks, graders, autos, etc.. It is not a Motor Pool program. The MP has developed an annual inspection form. Justin will forward a copy to Jim Ervin and Dan. Since passage of Senate Bill 242, OSU is no longer bound by OUS vehicle policy. Justin will work to draft/revise a policy to include regular inspection of all vehicles.

ACTION ITEMS

Dan will look into getting better safety goggles for Crop and Soil Science.

Joe and Dan will draft a letter to the Wave Lab to require a blade guard.

Members are to submit their changes to the Golf Cart Policy (using “Track Changes”) to Heidi by October 10 for compilation.

Heidi will email the revised Golf Cart Policy to all members for review prior to the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM UPDATES

Dan will contact Lab Animal Resources to discuss the incident on July 25. *No report*

Dan will further investigate the accident at the Poultry Farm. *No report*

Jim will invite Josh to the October UHSC meeting.

Dan will contact Motor Pool to see what programs and recommendations they have. *Justin Fleming invited to meeting.*

Kay will look into SAIF vehicle maintenance requirements. *No report*

Patrick offered to contact Veterinary Medicine about getting a representative for the committee. *No report*

ACTION ITEMS (carried forward)

Jennifer will look into what information Recreational Sports has available on tick bites. *(Not available to report)*

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

Jim Patton will look into making inspection results available via the web. *(Not available to report)*

A sub-committee will discuss fire alarm systems – what the current status is, what can be done to improve audibility, what are priorities, etc. *(No report)*

Bryan will follow up with Mark McCambridge about the Safety & Financial Decisions letter *(Per Joe, Bryan followed up but has not yet received a response)*

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NEXT MEETING October 24, 2012, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, **Cascade Hall Conference Room**

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

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