

## Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee Summary of the August 28, 2013 meeting

**Members present:** Jim Ervin, Joe Evans, Rainier Farmer, Bryan Feyerherm, Camille Freitag, Elizabeth Hardardt, Karin Hardin, Ricardo Letelier, Michael Mayers (Chair), Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Jim Patton, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart, Philip Vue

**Members absent:** Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Nick Larsen

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes from the July meeting were approved with one correction. The fourth paragraph under Incident Statistics and Reports will be changed from "...to Samaritan Occupational Medicine..." to "...to Corvallis Clinic Occupational Medicine..."

**INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS** The new HR accident reports will include corrective actions. The UHSC Secretary will bring a summary of reports of unsafe conditions and follow-ups to monthly meetings.

Exposure to nitrapyrin – mostly dangerous if large quantities are ingested. Not required to have pesticide applicator's license. The Ag Safety Committee is also following up on the incident.

Building managers/occupants receive checklists with notices of upcoming fire inspections.

The role of the committee is to ensure that policies and procedures are in place and fulfilling the requirements.

Mike Sreniawski will review OAR 437-001-0765.

Veterinary Medicine will be contacted again about getting a member on the UHSC.

Ricardo will look into accidents aboard the Research Vessel and report at the next meeting.

More information is needed regarding the auto accident on July 10.

Regarding the radiator spray incident involving a non-system student worker, Jim Ervin will find out what training is done.

Follow-ups after incidents serve as a chance to remind supervisors of training requirements and EHS resources available.

**FIRE/LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS** Jim Patton will send Mike Mayers the general schedule. Details will be available one month prior to the inspection. A link to fire inspection reports will be sent with agendas to review prior to UHSC meetings.

### **POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW**

**SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE** In July, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 27 departments:

68	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
14	General lab safety
49	Animal handler safety

2	Respirator training and fit testing
9	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazcomm
11	Forklift
1	Golf/utility cart
2	Office safety
7	Initial radioisotope orientation
5	Isotope refresher
17	X-ray training
1	Sealed radioactive source safety (new or refresher)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Lizz will follow up on the process for union membership and send a copy of the letter from the Coalition of Graduate Employees.

Chemical safety training is needed for non-chemists, and it should include information on hazardous waste disposal.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Mike Sreniawski will review OAR 437-001-0765.

Mike Mayers will contact Veterinary Medicine again about getting a member on the UHSC.

Ricardo will look into accidents aboard the Research Vessel and report at the next meeting.

Mike S or Dan K will be asked to look into the auto accident on July 10.

Jim Ervin will find out what training is done for student workers in Ag.

Lizz will follow up on the process for union membership and provide the committee with a copy of the letter from the Coalition of Graduate Employees.

### **ACTION ITEM UPDATES**

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

### **NEXT MEETING Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup>. Location: MU 207**

**Safety Committee Roster:** Martha Adams, Jim Ervin, Joseph Evans, Rainier Farmer, Camille Freitag, Elizabeth Hardardt, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Nick Larsen, Ricardo Letelier, Michael Mayers, Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart, Philip Vue, Chuck Yutzie

### **DISTRIBUTION:**

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