



Health Sciences Safety Committee

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 25, 2007

1:30-2:30

Invitees:

Kim Bryner, Mike Cain, Thomas Hussion, Cindy Dalton, Jeff Kerns, Lt. Allen Hill, Nina Clovis, Tom Fortuna, Lana Bunner, Bob Lemley, Andy Cockburn, Grove Pennington, Bob Smith, Dianne DeAngelis, Debbie Pikel, Trudy Werry, Brad Fansler, Kevin Simpkins, Lisa Hatfield, Nasser Razmainfar

I. Welcome – Stephanie Graham-Sims

II. Open issues

a) Committee Additions, deletions and suggestions

- The committee discussed new additions, possible deletions and suggestions for new members. Tom Fortuna and Lana Bunner were both recently invited to the Safety Committee meetings.

b) Dentistry – Jet Acrylic IAQ Issue

- Once a week for the past month there has been a jet acrylic odor coming from an unidentified experiment/process which has traveled to the dentistry area. The odor is causing headaches for those exposed. The incident has been investigated, but the user still cannot be identified.

c) Newsletter

- The HSC Safety Office is developing a newsletter for HSC laboratories each semester. The newsletter will be laboratory specific initially and will be used to further communicate safety to the laboratories. It will include “safety tips,” “safety news,” “lessons learned,” and other sections pertaining to laboratory safety. If any committee member has an issue of interest that they would like communicated through the newsletter, please contact the HSC Safety Office.

d) Webpage

- The HSC Safety Office website has had 350 visits from 29 September-29 October. Shipping and Laboratory safety were the two pages that were viewed the most on the website. 21 countries/territories visited the website including countries such as Philippines, India, Iran, and Norway. The website has doubled in website views since last March.

e) Shipping changes – info on webpage and mailer

- Recently there has been a change in the way that mail is shipped through central receiving. New procedures have been implemented and can be found on the HSC Safety Website at www.hsc.wvu.edu/safety

f) Emergency Response Plan

- The Health Science Center is responsible for developing a HSC Annex to the WVU Emergency Response Plan. The Emergency Response Committee is actively participating and developing the annex with assistance from Danny Camden and Bob Roberts.

g) Portable Isolation Unit update

- Bob Lemley updated the group on the status of the portable isolation unit and departments using the new unit.

h) Next meeting Thursday, November, 29, 2007 1:30 – 2:30 War Room

III. New business

a) Linda Vona-Davis Lab-Cleanout

- Linda Vona-Davis is currently cleaning out her laboratory. There was a significant amount of slides containing cell lines that needed to be disposed in the biohazard waste. Equipment in her lab also needs to be sent to surplus and the refrigerator and freezers are awaiting decontamination.

b) Orange bags vs. Clear Bags?

- Questions were raised during the meeting regarding the use of orange bags and clear bags while autoclaving. Kevin Simpkins raised the question regarding the use of clear bags instead of orange bags so the autoclaved materials do not need to be manifested before going through the waste stream. The question is under review.

c) Radiation Safety

- Nasser Razmainfar discussed issues with recent radiation issues around the HSC facility.

IV. Adjournment