



## Robert c. Byrd Health Sciences Center Safety Committee Meeting

April 24, 2008  
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

### **Invited:**

Stephanie Graham-Sims, 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, Dianne DeAngelis, Debbie Piktel, Trudy Werry, Brad Fansler, Kevin Simpkins, Lisa Hatfield, Nasser Razmainfar, Susan Clacko

### **Present:**

Stephanie Graham-Sims, Kim Bryner, Jeff Kerns, Lt. Allen Hill, Nina Clovis, Andy Cockburn, Trudy Werry, Brad Fansler, Kevin Simpkins, Susan Clacko

### **I. Topics Discussed:**

#### ➤ **The BioMed Connection:**

- The Dentistry area has had concerns regarding smoke entering the area where welding is being done to connect the Biomed building to the HSC. The Safety Office has been in contact with the contractors and steps have been taken to mitigate the issue. However, Brad Fansler noted that the smoke odor is still an issue occasionally.

#### ➤ **The School of Dentistry:**

- The Dentistry School is preparing for their 2009 accreditation inspection. Kim Bryner is working with Brad Fansler and the Dentistry school in providing recommendations for facility and regulatory improvement.
- There was also an indoor air quality issue that was brought forth by dentistry faculty currently under investigation. The HSC Safety Office has consulted with WVU's Environmental Health and Safety for monitoring and results are being evaluated.

#### ➤ **The Intermodal Transportation Facility Project:**

- The project has reached its bidding phase for construction. The layout of the construction consists of a 500 parking space garage, a covered walking bridge to the PRT, and a building for the WVU Parking & Transportation Office. Substantial completion is expected fall of 09.

- **The “Goat Path”:**
  - The area often referred to as the goat path on the chiller plant side of the building will be asphalted with a handrail added to improve navigation of pedestrians up the hillside leading to the HSC.
  
- **The Emergency Response Plan:**
  - The draft plan is completed. The committee will work on developing an effective plan of implementation during the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting,
  
- **Parking Gates by NIOSH:**
  - There has been an increase in traffic flow through the parking lots, which has created car/pedestrian near collisions. Kim Bryner asked if there is a way to close these gates to reduce this problem. Stephanie Graham-Sims noted there is a plan to close the gates, but work needs to occur in the 4-way intersection area. She would check on the status of the project.
  
- **Laboratory Concerns:**
  - Nina Clovis informed the committee about a GA smoking in the lab at night. The committee wants to remind everyone about the “NO SMOKING” policy in and around the building. Smokings in labs are especially dangerous due to chemical/fire hazard inherent in laboratories and the potential for contamination of research. Also, it is a major OSHA violation similar to having food in a lab.  
  
The Safety Office and Andrew Cockburn, Biological Safety Officer offered assistance in educating the staff on the subject.
  - *Note: Since the meeting Nina has spoken with all of the departmental graduate assistants. Because of extenuating circumstance, the “suspected smoker” is not expected to return after the semester.*

## II. Closing:

- Our last meeting before the summer break is Thursday, May 22 at 1:30 in the War Room. A new schedule for the 08-09 academic year can be found on the next page and on the HSC Safety Office website at:  
<http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/safety/main.htm>



**2008-09**  
**Health Sciences Center**  
**Safety Committee Meeting Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Thursday, September 25, 2008	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>War Room</b> (Facilities conference room)
Thursday, October 30, 2008	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>War Room</b> (Facilities conference room)
Thursday, November 20, 2008	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>War Room</b> (Facilities conference room)
Thursday, January 29, 2009	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>War Room</b> (Facilities conference room)
Thursday, February 26, 2009	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>War Room</b> (Facilities conference room)
Thursday, March 26, 2009	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>War Room</b> (Facilities conference room)
Thursday, April 30, 2009	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>War Room</b> (Facilities conference room)
Thursday, May 28, 2009	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>War Room</b> (Facilities conference room)