



Safety Committee Meeting
September 24, 2009

Present:

Stephanie Graham-Sims
Kim Bryner
Susan Clacko
Brad Fansler

Jeff Kerns
Bob Lemley
Frank Ali
Andy Cockburn

Brenda Moran

Absent:

Mike Cain
Nina Clovis
Grove Pennington
Lana Bunner
Rena Bouchal

Gannett, Peter,
Dianne DeAngelis
Tom Hussion
Cindy Dalton
Lt. Allen Hill

Debbie Piktel
Nasser Razmainfar
Trudy Werry
Kevin Simpkins

• **Andy Cockburn**

- Andy performed bio safety inspections on level 2 laboratories. Andy noted the absence of a biohazard sticker on the 705 placard for one of the rooms. He reviewed why indicating the laboratories that use biohazards were important for everyone's safety. The issue was addressed, and the sticker was replaced during the inspection. Moreover, Andy noted that a -80 degree freezer containing Biohazards was removed from one laboratory to other without notification to him and the Safety Office.
- All laboratories that work with recombinant DNA will have to be register. The process of registering these laboratories will begin soon.

• **Bob Lemley**

- Bob informed the committee that this Friday, September 25, Clean Harbors will be transporting high hazardous chemical waste from the HSC.

• **Stephanie Graham-Sims**

- With construction taking place, the Pharmacy wing had concerns regarding indoor air quality issues. The Safety Office brought in Boggs to perform air quality testing. The results from the testing showed that the air quality was good.
- Stephanie announced the name of the new parking garage. Mountaineer Station will open October 19th. The garage will include both permit and hourly parking. A canopy will cover the walkway between the PRT stations to HSC.
- With Mountaineer Station opening, a traffic study was performed to determine if the placement of a traffic light was needed. The study's result was a D. Once the light is in place, sidewalks will be laid.

- Stephanie reviewed the phenol incident with the committee. The graduate student is fine. The committee discussed how the WVU Alert System handled the incident.
- **Brady Fanslar**
 - Dentistry is having issues with food and drinks in the laboratories. Vendors have been setting up their venues in the Dentistry hallway in the HSN first floor. The Safety Office and the Bio Safety will investigate.
- **Frank Ali**
 - Dr. Jeff Wimsatt is the new director and attending veterinarian for all of WVU.
 - Frank informed the committee that since construction has taken place, the transport of animals has become difficult. All researchers who have laboratories in the HSS must use elevator 5 and 6. Animals and food cannot be transported on the same elevators at the same time.
 - The ACUC has scheduled an inspection for October 14th, 15th, and 16th. The OLAR staff is preparing for the inspection.
- **Kim Bryner**
 - Kim noted that laboratory 3831-B has removed all non-approved laboratory animals. The laboratory is in the process of being cleaned up.
- **Brenda Moran**
 - The Department of Health and Human Service inspected the BioMedical Facility. They questioned why the laboratory key card swipes were disarmed. Also, the main door that connects the HSN and BioMedical Facility is not working properly. After 4pm, access is restricted to only those with key cards, but there are security breaches.
- **Susan Clacko**
 - The Safety Office is conducting their annual fume hood inspection. Inspections in the HSS are completed. All other buildings will follow.
 - The Safety website has been updated to make information accessible. A new link has been added to the site called Laboratory Safety. This link provides information dealing with lab issues.

Next Meeting is October 29th, 2009 at 1:30 in the War Room.