



Safety Committee Meeting
November 18, 2009

Present:

Stephanie Graham-Sims
Kim Bryner
Susan Clacko
Cindy Dalton

Jeff Kerns
Bob Lemley
Frank Ali

Brenda Moran
Andy Cockburn
Nina Clovis

Absent:

Mike Cain
Brad Fansler
Grove Pennington
Lana Bunner
Rena Bouchal

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

Debbie Piktel
Nasser Razmainfar
Trudy Werry
Kevin Simpkins

• **Stephanie Graham-Sims**

- Stephanie announced the Fall Newsletter arrival. She asked committee members to print a few copies and distribute throughout their departments and to email it to everyone in their department. The newsletter can be found on the HSC Safety Office webpage. <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/safety/main.asp>
- The canopy covering the walkway between the PRT stations to HSC Learning Center is being constructed and is scheduled for instillation in December.
- Stephanie reviewed Cindy Dalton's concern about the lighting in the parking lot. Facilities Maintenance has replaced the light bulbs as needed.
- WVU HSC campus is now tobacco-free. No tobacco use of any kind is permitted inside or outside any of our facilities. HSC is committed to making the entire campus tobacco free at the earliest possible date. In the meantime, the green line that marks a 50-foot smoke-free zone around buildings has been repainted to include new buildings constructed since the line was first established several years ago.

• **Susan Clacko**

- Water testing was performed in the OLAR. Mike Trantham from EH&S and Tim Bosley from B&M Environmental, LLC collected six samples that will be tested for heavy metals and bacteria. A sample was also taken from the HSC Addition Building. There is a lab experiencing issues with the water and their research.
- Frank Ali asked if it was possible to test the water semi-annually. Stephanie will follow-up with EH&S.

- **Bob Lemley**
 - Bob discussed the Confined Space Program. He defined the difference between permit required and non permit required. Maintenance Engineering completed their training a few weeks ago. The Safety Office is working to identify all permit and non permit confined spaces and developing the program further.

- **Kim Bryner**
 - Kim addressed the Committee on whether or not there was an ADA automatic door on BRNI. Jeff Kern replied that he would help Kim look into this issue and correct it if need be.

- **Frank Ali**
 - Construction is coming along great with the addition. OLAR is expecting a new autoclave to arrive soon.
 - The pest issue continues to persist in the cage wash facility. By the end of December, OLAR will have a new cage wash facility and will no longer have to deal with the pest issue.
 - Frank discussed the issue of recapping used needles. He asked the Committee for opinions on eliminating recapping needles. Andy Cockburn recommended self-recapping needles. He explained why it was a safer choice and how it would be more efficient for employees to use. Nina Clovis agreed with Andy and stated that her department only uses self-recapping needles.

- **Andy Cockburn**
 - He announced the DPS is looking into changing the emergency alert system. There have been complaints about getting early morning calls for minor incidents. Members of the alerts service have asked to report only major incidents.
 - Andy discussed the uncapped needle issue identified at the farm and announced plans to eliminate the issue.

- **Jeff Kerns**
 - Jeff informed the Committee that Valley Gas will no longer be the contractor for fire safety equipment (hydrants, sprinklers, etc). Before the contract expires, Jeff will perform an assessment to identify all equipment. Frank asked if the OLAR could be assessed as well, which Jeff approved.

- **Nina Clovis**
 - Nina asked the Safety Office if they could address the issue of storage in the fume hood to a researcher in her department. Kim agreed to meet with her and the researcher to discuss this issue.

- Laboratories in Nina's area dealing with biohazards are testing for cleanliness to ensure the hazard does not spread. The biohazard is a known amount making testing effective.
- **Brenda Moran**
 - With the recent incidents on campus and in the dorms, Brenda showed the Committee an article on Student Emergency Response through the use of personal cell phones. Included are the links to the articles:
 - <http://www.ravewireless.com/news/04/03/2009>
 - <http://www.ravemoilesafety.com>

Next Meeting is January 28th, 2010 at 1:30 in the War Room.