



Safety Committee Meeting
January 28, 2010

Present:

Stephanie Graham-Sims
Rena Bouchal
Susan Clacko

Brad Fansler
Bob Lemley
Frank Ali

Brenda Moran
Nina Clovis
Cindy Dalton

Absent:

Mike Cain
Andy Cockburn
Grove Pennington
Lana Bunner
Jeff Kerns

Peter Gannett
Dianne DeAngelis
Tom Hussion
Kim Bryner

Debbie Piktel
Nasser Razmainfar
Lt. White
Kevin Simpkins

• **Stephanie Graham-Sims**

- An incident occurred when a biohazardous material splashed into a researcher's eyes. Investigation determined that a lack of proper PPE contributed to the incident. The researcher typically wears proper PPE. However, they were not wearing eye protection at the time of the incident. Stephanie reminded the committee to ensure students, faculty and staff wear their appropriate personal protective as required.
- Calls were received by the Safety Office after hours regarding an odor in laboratory. It was determined that a -80 degrees freezer was failing and the experiments in the freezer were creating the odor. Stephanie reminded everyone to have equipment repairing/replaced if it is known that equipment is beginning to decline or is not working properly. Also all laboratories should ensure that 704 postings are up-to-date with correct after hour phone numbers.
- The Department of Public Health performed anr annual Infectious Medical Waste Inspection. HSC received two minor infractions and corrective action has taken place. Appropriate response was provided to the DPH in the required time frame. All infectious medical waste containers must be placed on tile floors or on carpet with secondary containment, in restricted access rooms with appropriate r placarding of the door.
- Stephanie announced that the Safety Office will begin a comprehensive expansion of the Confined Space Program at the HSC. Identification and inventory of all confined space and permit required confined spaces will begin soon. Employee training is taking place and the confined space program and policies have been developed/updated.
- The WVU HSC Emergency Response plan is currently being developed further and updated. Departments will soon receive a request to identify a Safety and Security Contact to

represent their department in order to provide information to and from their department relating to emergency response. Once all the contacts are identified the Safety Office will begin communication with them regarding emergency response at HSC.

- **Susan Clacko**

- Susan has informed the committee that the Safety Office will begin performing laboratory shower testing. The showers will be tested biannually.
- A Computer based training course is being developed for all liquid nitrogen users. Appropriate PPE has been purchased for liquid nitrogen use and all individuals using liquid nitrogen will be required to complete the training and utilize PPE in order to obtain liquid nitrogen. The training is planned to available in the next 2-3 months.
- Susan has been working with AirGas to compile an inventory on the compressed gases being ordered/used at the Health Sciences.

- **Rena Bouchal**

- Rena asked the Safety Office if they could test the shower in the Morgue monthly. The Safety Office agreed.

- **Brenda Moran**

- The BioMed is having issue with the appearance of the water in the building. A staff member collected a sample for Brenda to share with the committee. The sample was provided to Paul Walden following the meeting and he agreed to have the issue investigated.
- Brenda has asked if there could be a mock disaster training for the BioMed. Stephanie informed Brenda that the Emergency Response Plan is being updated. As soon as it is completed and approved, training will be given.

- **Brady Fanslar**

- The key card swipes are malfunctioning in dentistry. Brad wanted to know if anyone else was having issues with their key card swipes. Bob Lemley asked if they had keys access the rooms. Brady responded that card keys were the only way to enter.

- **Frank Ali**

- Frank provided a renovation update to the committee.
- There are a few eyewash stations that need repaired in OLAR. Stephanie told Frank to place a work order and maintenance will repair/replace them. She will also follow-up with Leonard Lewis.

- **Next Meeting is February 25th, 2010 at 1:30 in the War Room.**