



## Safety Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 25, 2010

### Present:

Stephanie Graham-Sims  
Rena Bouchal  
Andy Cockburn

Jeff Kerns  
Bob Lemley  
Kim Bryner

Brad Fansler  
Nina Clovis  
Cindy Dalton

### Absent:

Mike Cain  
Kevin Simpkins  
Grove Pennington  
Lana Bunner

Peter Gannett  
Dianne DeAngelis  
Tom Hussion

Debbie Piktel  
Nasser Razmainfar  
Lt. White

### • Stephanie Graham-Sims

- 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.
- There was discussion regarding proper management of pharmaceutical waste.
- The School of Pharmacy has been offered a new seat on the HSC Safety Committee. Amy Newton will get back to the committee prior to the next meeting regarding staff availability.
- The parking shuttle from Area 80 to the HSC is currently still available at this time. Area 80 parkers should be aware that they can enter the Intermodal facility take the elevator to the PRT station to the new covered walkway to get to the HSC.
- The Environmental Health and Safety office on WVU's main campus currently has its director position open. The job posting is currently available.

### • Kim Bryner

- Kim wanted to inform all CHOs that the request for chemical inventories will soon be sent out.

- Kim also discussed responding to an odor complaint where a new employee was using a highly aromatic chemical outside of a fume hood. Upon being interviewed, the employee could not name the chemical they were working with and was unfamiliar with the chemical's properties, hazards, and first aid or special precautions. All supervisors are reminded that employees must be properly trained to conduct their jobs safely and effectively upon initial employment or when there are changes or additions to their job assignments. In addition, the employee was not wearing proper PPE. Supervisors must ensure that employees are provided with appropriate PPE and trained in the proper selection, use and care of PPE prior to conducting work.
- **Robert Lemley**
  - Currently investigating a research project utilizing isoflurene.
- **Jeff Kearns**
  - Following up on State Board of Risk Management annual inspection report.
- **Andy Cockburn**
  - Reviewing policies regarding use of toxic chemicals in research and how waste products can impact employees. Working with the ACUC to ensure that P.I.s do communicate their use of hazardous chemicals more effectively.

**Next Meeting is Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 1:30 in the War Room.**