

Safety Committee Meeting September 23, 2010

Present:

Stephanie Graham-Sims Kim Bryner Susan Clacko Jeff Kerns Brad Fansler Lt. White Mike Cain Rena Bouchal Patrick Callery Nina Clovis Andy Cockburn

Absent:

Frank Ali Grove Pennington Lana Bunner Peter Gannett Amanda Ammer Tom Hussion Dianne DeAngelis Kevin Simpkins Brenda Moran Debbie Piktel Nasser Razmainfar Cindy Dalton Carrie Smith-Bell

• Stephanie Graham-Sims

- A traffic light is planned to be installed at the intersection of Area 81 and Applebee's in spring 2011. The 2nd intersection to Area 81 is planned to be right turn only. We have been re-assured that the light will be synchronized and censored for high/low usage.
- A student group is organizing to create taxi service for students after 2:00am when other forms of transportation are unavailable. This service is designed to prevent drinking and driving. No word on when the program will begin.
- The HSC will participate in the campus wide recycling program. There are discussions on location and numbers of receptacle for the HSC occurring at the moment. The HSC Safety Office currently participates in the many recycling efforts across the entire WVU campus.
- The HSC Business office had an indoor air quality issue early in September. The issue may have been cause by Siemens replacement of motors in the HVAC or the updating of the Gamma Knife machine in the Cancer Center. The cause is not known. Indoor monitoring was conducted by the HSC safety office and corrective actions occurred.
- An Environmental Impact Assessment was completed for the new Vivarium Annex. The build has been design to be LEED Certified. The EA will be posed online and will be available for public review for 30 days,
- There was a condensation issue that was creating mold in the Human Gift Registry's freezer. The cause of this was due to the heated frame of a smaller unused freezer within the freezer. The HSC Safety Office recommended the heated frame was disconnected and it was completed.
 - Monitoring will take place in the Gift Registry laboratory. The Safety Office is monitoring levels of formalin and phenol as a continuing evaluation.

- The 3rd shift maintenance crew was trained on procedures for entering the Vivarium. There are plans for training the 1st and 2nd shifts.
 - Lt. White suggested that and his staff and all of DPS be cleared to enter the Vivariam in the event of emergencies as well.

Susan Clacko

- Susan has been working on creation of a master list of chemicals for the HSC. This list will help identify a chemical's hazardous rating.
- There are new procedures for the disposal of Universal Waste- Batteries. Batteries will now have to be dated when they are dropped off. Labels and a step-by-step procedure are located on the bin for Universal Waste- Batteries in the cage area of the loading dock.
- Kim Bryner
 - Kim reviewed the difference between an explosion proof refrigerator vs. a flammable material safety refrigerator. The majority of the HSC laboratories can use a flammable material safety refrigerator. However, this must be decided on a case by case basis.
- Lt. White
 - Lt. White informed the committee that due to cut backs they have lost a position.
- Jeff Kerns
 - Jeff announced that the wood stairs between area 81 and the PRT station is in need repairs.
 Some stairs are missing their treads and one stair near the bottom is soft.
- Rena Bouchal
 - Rena is working with the HSC Safety Office and Facilities Management on controlling formalin over-exposure in the morgue.
- Nina Clovis
 - A few weeks ago, their explosion proof refrigerator went down. Due to cost, they are going to have it repaired.
 - There is a leak in one of her department's offices. She was worried that mold will start to grow. Drip pans were to be installed; however, they have not been installed yet. She was told above the office is an equipment room, and Facilities Management is waiting for the heat to come on to fix the problem. Once the heat is on Facilities Management needs to install the drip pans.
- Brad Fanslar
 - Dentistry had a State Inspection on their x-ray machines. Nasser Razmainfar of Radiation Safety accompanied Brad and the Inspector. The department was cited for a loose tube head on one of the machines.
 - Jeff Kerns asked if there was a policy on informing the appropriate people for when an inspector comes. Stephanie Graham-Sims stated that there was such a policy and it should be follow whenever any state or federal inspectors enter the building. The policy is located at:
 - http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/safety/Newsletter/2008/Newsletter_Summer08.pdf

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