

# CAHNRS SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2007  
Hulbert 3; 11:10 a.m.

Attended by: Sheila Brooks	Ag Research Center
Bruce Davitt	Natural Resource Sciences
Karen Hansen	ARS
Mary Arndt	Statistics
Sally Hasher	Entomology
Mike Costa	IBC
Sheri McGrew	USDA/ARS
Dennis Gransbery	USDA/ARS
Jon Mathison	CSS
Sarah Greer	EH&S
Rich Villa	Animal Sciences

Rich Villa, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:13.

The September 11, 2007 minutes were approved.

## Current Business:

1. The committee discussed FCC regulations for approved radios for emergency communication and other uses. A license is required for GMRS radios, but not for FSR radios. Most radios are a hybrid of FSR/GMRS. If someone uses a GMRS radio (longer range than FSR) they risk a \$10,000 fine from the FCC. So far WSU's To Go Kits all have the hybrid radios in them. Certain channels are assigned to the FSR range (8-14), and certain channels are assigned to the GMRS range (15-on). An email was sent out Sept. 20, 2007 to the CAHNRS Safety Committee (also attached) regarding a conversation with Darlene Russell-Neunherz as to the Emergency Management's subcommittee research regarding what kind of radios to have in case of an emergency for the University. The Emergency Management committee is working on a solution and is leaning towards Nextel. Updates will be provided in the future as to the University's decision.
2. Sarah Greer from EH&S gave an updated report on the Lab Signage program. So far there are 420 signs made out of the 1300 labs recorded. These signs are stored with the 67 PI accounts on the web based program. The goal for this year is 20% compliance and next year 40% compliance. This program began out of the need for Facilities Operations to know when they could work on a fume

hood and what hazards exist. Training will now begin for Facilities Operations people to understand the lab signs, and ask the right questions before beginning work. It is noted the Research and Extension Centers are using them as well.

All are encouraged to get their lab signs up as in the future without a lab sign Facilities Operations may not work on your fume hood or other needed projects in your lab without the signs. If you need any further information on the Lab Signage program contact Sarah Greer at: [slgreer@wsu.edu](mailto:slgreer@wsu.edu) or call 509-335-0948.

3. There was a Univ. of WA article of a lab incident at:

<http://archives.seattletimes.nwsource.com/cgi-bin/texis.cgi/web/vortex/display?slug=uwprof08m0&date=20070308&query=pharmacology> .All are reminded we are only as strong as our weakest link. Sarah Greer pointed out EH&S does not charge for hauling away your chemicals as was the case at Univ. of WA, so please call anytime when you are cleaning out your lab of unwanted chemicals.

The meeting was adjourned at: 12:02. The next meeting is November 13 at 11:10 in Hulbert 3.