

# CAHNRS SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

Nov. 13, 2007  
Hulbert 3; 11:10 a.m.

## Attended by:

Sheila Brooks	Ag Research Center
Mike Costa	IBC
Sheri McGrew	USDA-ARS
Karen Hansen	USDA-ARS
Dennis Sasse	EH&S
Bruce Davitt	NRS
Martin Chilvers	Plant Path
Dennis Gransbery	USDA/ARS
Rich Villa	Animal Science
Jerry Weber	Animal Science

Unable to Attend: Charli Hochsprung

Rich Villa called the meeting to order at 11:10.

The Oct. 13, 2007 minutes were approved as written.

## Current Business:

1. Dennis Sasse, Industrial Hygienist from EH&S presented respiratory mask training. The Washington State regulations can be found:

WAC 296-841

<http://search.leg.wa.gov/pub/textsearch/ViewRoot.asp?Action=Html&Item=0&X=1113151928&p=1>.

WAC 296-842

<http://search.leg.wa.gov/pub/textsearch/ViewRoot.asp?Action=Html&Item=0&X=1113152058&p=1>.

The main responsibility for the laws to be complied with is with the main PI of every lab, or the senior lab tech. Feel free to call Dennis Sasse at: 5-5251 if you have any questions that need clarification.

The basic steps to having the respiratory masks fitted are:

- a. The PI or senior tech need to identify the employees who may need respiratory protection.

- b. EH&S will do the hazard assessment and decide which mask is appropriate.
- c. While fitting EH&S will also perform medical monitoring to be sure the employee is healthy enough to wear one. This will include a Doctor's approval for each employee.
- d. EH&S will provide proper training for each type of mask.

One interesting note is the difference between a dust mask and a respirator mask that looks similar to the dust mask is that if it has an "N" number on it and has two straps it is considered a respirator mask. The respirators can range from \$1.50 to \$1700.00 in price.

Attached are the process to gain WSU approval to use Air-Purifying Respirators, the Voluntary Use Advisory Information, and the EH&S flyer.

- 2. There were no open discussion items.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50.