

CAHNRS SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2008
Plant Growth Facility G-7; 11:10 a.m.

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| Attended by: Sheila Brooks | Ag Research Center |
| Bruce Davitt | Natural Resource Sciences |
| Lisa Knowles | Hort/LA |
| William Luna | USDA/ARS |
| Dan Dreesmann | Plant Growth Facilities |
| Rich Villa | Animal Science |
| Dennis Gransbery | USDA/ARS |
| Sheri McGrew | USDA/ARS |
| Karen Hansen | USDA/ARS |
| Sarah Greer | EH&S |

Dan Dreesmann, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:10.

Meeting Minutes for Nov. 12, 2008 were approved.

Current Issues:

1. University Health and Safety (UH&S) committee update: Police Chief Bill Gardner is developing a letter to Rich Heath asking for 3 AED machines for his police cars. The letter also requests some funds be set aside for AED requests from departments with matching funds. The UH&S committee will review this letter at the next meeting.

The SPPM for Transport and Shipment of Hazardous Material, Biological Materials, and Dangerous Goods (S80.68.1; http://www.wsu.edu/manuals_forms/PDF/SPPM/S80-68.pdf) is currently under review. The responsibility for packaging and shipment of these materials has been shifted from Receiving and Delivery to each department. The UH&S committee has recommended that comments on the revised SPPM be sent in by Dec. 9th. The comments will be incorporated into the revised policy, taken back to UH&S for further review, and then to the Provost and academic Deans. The Deans will then have a chance to voice their opinions. The concerns have been cost of shipping, fines, and training costs, time element in preparation, personnel job descriptions, and issues of duplicating efforts especially for departments that ship infrequently. Some have suggested a central unit to package and label the materials with all the departments paying for the services.

This is a time of transition and the final word has not been decided upon, so in the mean time contact the resource departments for help in shipping instructions. For chemicals, contact Sarah Greer of EH&S- 335-0948, Mike Kluzik of EH&S for biological materials- 335-9553, Radiation Safety Office- 335-8916. Mike Kluzik is stepping in as the interim biosafety officer in place of Lorraine McConnell who recently left for the U of I.

Sarah Greer (phone number above) said she is very happy to help answer any questions and has supplied the following information for any one shipping any component with dry ice: The link to MyResearch (may will need to create a login)

<https://myresearch.wsu.edu/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fdefault.aspx&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1> After login go to training, then available training "Transport and Shipping of Hazardous Materials and Dangerous Goods: WSU General Awareness Training" and "Transport and Shipping of Hazardous Materials and Dangerous Goods: Dry Ice Module.

This will allow the shipper to ship components with dry ice in them. The following is from the Class 6.2 module in MyResearch and should help to clarify the GMO and plant questions."

- Class 6 - Toxic and Infectious substances.
 - Division 6.1 Toxic or Poisonous substances*
 - **Division 6.2 Infectious substances**
 - **(Infectious GMOs fall into this division)**
- Class 9 - Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods (noninfectious GMOs fall into this class)
**Note: Toxins from plants, animals, or bacterial sources which do not contain any infectious materials or toxins that are contained in substances which are not infectious substances should be considered for classification in Class 6 Division 6.1 and assigned to UN 3172 for liquids and UN 3462 for solids. (See Class 6 Division 6.1 module for more information)*

2. Sarah Greer discussed eyewashes and the importance of the right set up, as well as keeping objects away from the area. The committee looked at pictures of good and bad examples, discussed types and dimensions. The different types are listed as the drench hose (considered only supplemental by WA WAC rules), dual swing arm, and the shower. Minor capital improvement dollars are used for eye wash upgrades through EH&S. The upgrades are done on a priority list basis that can be enhanced by matching departmental funds or certain circumstances that make it critical to move forward with the upgrade.
3. The committee took a short tour of the Plant Growth Facilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.