

# CAHNRS SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2009  
Hulbert 409; 11:10 a.m.

Attended by: Sheila Brooks	Ag Research Center
Bruce Davitt	Natural Resource Sciences
Sally Hasher	Entomology
Lisa Knowles	Hort/LA
Tina Eads	AMDT
Jon Mathison	CSS
Dan Dreesmann	Plant Growth Facilities
Rich Villa	Animal Science
Mike Costa	IBC
Peggy Collier	HLA-Presenter
Dennis Gransbery	USDA/ARS
Jerry Weber	Animal Science
Sheri McGrew	USDA/Grains & Lentils

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

The January 13, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

## Current Issues:

1. Incident Report on a non-toxic powder in the garbage: EH&S asked us to remind everyone to always throw away non-toxic powders or chemicals in sealed containers as an incident report was filed when a custodian emptying the garbage was dusted with an unknown powder. While whoever may have swept it up from the floor, or tossed it loosely into the garbage from the counter knew it was safe, bear in mind no one else knows what that substance is. It's a good reminder to always put all non toxic chemicals in a container before throwing them away.
2. New Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Training DVD: Peggy Collier, the staff support for the Plant Growth Facilities, shared her creation of a new WPS training DVD with the committee. Peggy is responsible for training greenhouse workers for the Plant Growth Facilities. In 1992 a federal law was made that all agricultural workers working in areas where pesticides are used had to receive WPS training every five years. However, new training materials have not been

consistently produced to comply with the EPA requirement. Since Peggy was showing one film made from Michigan State and noted it had gotten quite outdated and there seemed to be no others for greenhouse workers, she decided to apply for a grant from NASDARF(National Association of State Departments of Agriculture) and make her own. She, along with Catherine Daniels as the PI, obtained the grant. Peggy wrote a script and had it reviewed by a team of WPS experts from across the United States. They filmed in May and July of 2008, hiring mostly WSU students as the actors. After the DVD was made the review team again approved it before its release. The contract stipulated the granting agency had the right to put this on a website so that it could be downloaded and that they receive 200 copies to distribute as they wished. Details on the website or websites have not been worked out.

Meanwhile if anyone would like to check out the DVD to train greenhouse workers at our various greenhouse locations around the state please contact Sheila Brooks in the ARC at: 509-335-4563. If you would like to own one of these DVD's, please contact Peggy Collier at: 509-335-5210.

3. Other issues: There was an incident in the Johnson hall elevator when someone accidentally leaned on the emergency button. While this sent the 911 call out, the emergency personnel could not reach the person in the elevator. Fortunately the person had a department next door call 911 to inform them it was an accident and that nothing was wrong. Fac Ops has been contacted to see why the emergency personnel could not communicate with the person in the elevator.

This procedure is the correct procedure if there is not actually a problem in the elevator. Usually the speakers would work and the person in the elevator could tell them it was an accident; however if the speakers do not work make sure someone calls 911 to let them know what happened.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.