

CAHNRS SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2009
Hulbert 409; 11:10 a.m.

Attended by: Sheila Brooks	Ag Research Center
Bruce Davitt	Natural Resource Sciences
Sally Hasher	Entomology
Tina Eads	AMDT
William Luna	USDA/ARS
Jon Mathison	CSS
Dan Dreesmann	Plant Growth Facilities
Rich Villa	Animal Science
Jerry Weber	Animal Science
John Morse	ARS/BSE
Scott Mattinson	Hort and LA
Diana Bedgar	IBC (for Mike Costa)
Sheri McGrew	USDA/ARS
Sarah Greer	EH&S

Dan Dreesmann, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:12.

The Feb. 10, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

Announcements:

1. For a reminder to all faculty and staff please remember to sign up with WSU's Crisis Communication System (CCS) by going to MyWSU. This is for WSU's, your departments, and your personal safety in the event of a disaster or emergency situation.
2. For training on how to wrap packages with dry ice now classified as hazardous materials go to My Research on the OGRD web site. Please start with the General Awareness course first. If you need guidance where to go next for any other courses, feel free to contact Sarah Greer at: 335-0948 and she will be happy to help you find the right course for your hazardous material.
3. Jason Sampson with managing chemical wastes will be coming May 12th. He will also address non-toxic procedures.

Current Issues:

1. John Morse presented a sample proposal that anyone can use to request an AED. It is now posted on our website at: <http://www.arc.wsu.edu/safety/index.html>. The need for more AED's has come about due to several factors. One is there is

really only 3 minutes to save the person's life having a heart attack. Secondly, the response time for off campus fire departments can be anything from 5-6 minutes to as long as a half hour in some cases. John Morse offered his services to any department that wanted to initiate this approach. He can be reached at: 509-335-1232. Rod Homes, the WSU Fire Chief is also a good resource to start with to help figure out where to place the AED in a good central location, and how to keep the costs down, such as cost sharing with several departments, and refurbished AED's. He can be reached at: 509-335-4929. It was also noted AED training costs have gone up with the Pullman Fire Dept, and University Recreation now have the cheapest rates.

2. Sarah Greer shared her expertise on workspace reviews with the committee. While workspace reviews can cover a wide variety of issues from biological hazards to chemical or radiation issues, Sarah focused somewhat on lab reviews. Sarah is willing to train those to make a thorough inspection, what to look for, the type of questions to ask those in the lab for procedures, and how to prioritize hazards. For a wealth of advice feel free to contact Sarah at: 509-335-0948 or slgreer@wsu.edu.

Rod Holmes is also available to do fire inspections and help with training if needed. His available at: rwholmes@wsu.edu.

Sarah also mentioned there is MCI money available for some repairs, depending on the level of risk for the hazard. She also offered her help to expedite matters of repairs in working with other departments or Fac Ops.

3. One of the University Health & Safety issues involves the current rewrite of the SPPM 20.45 involving eye wash and shower testing. The draft SPPM is throwing the process of the shower testing on to the departments. Many of the showers do not have drains, therefore the PI needs to borrow a kit from Fac Ops that has a shower curtain that will hook on to the shower head that will draping inside of a 55 gal. garbage can on wheels. The person testing the shower head needs to run at least 20 gallons of water to test the shower. The can on wheels can easily be put into an elevator or moved elsewhere to dispose of the water in the proper manner.

There has been protest on the side of the academic community due to the fact that this hasn't been taken care of since 2002 and state law requires these to be tested once a year. Since Fac Ops no longer has enough personnel, they object to it falling just on the PI or department shoulders since they too have a lack of man power. Hence there is talk of doing a hybrid testing of one Fac Ops person and one departmental person since the testing is a two man job. Especially if a water valve gets stuck while testing the shower, the need to know where the valve is would fall on Fac Op knowledge.

If anyone has any concerns on the review of this SPPM, please email me your comments and I will forward them on to the proper person.

4. Open Discussion: Rich Villa announced he is now on the Police Advisory Board. He will be a conduit between faculty and staff for CAHNRS to the Police. If there are any concerns you feel the advisory board needs to know please contact Rich at: villa@wsu.edu.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.