Safety Committee Minutes: Wednesday 11/18/20, 2:00 PM Zoom

Attendees: Mike Livingston, Nathan Palmer, Kay McClure-Kelly, Martha Rowe, John Guretzky, Larry Harisis, Betsy Howe, Kyle Broderick, Katelyn Rife, Dave Hyten, Heidi Hillhouse, TJ McAndrew, Robert Harrison.

1. Overview of self-laboratory inspections – Larry Harisis

Larry indicated that EHS personnel are minimizing time in laboratories and referred us to this document to assist in self-audits of lab spaces. <https://ehs.unl.edu/s-SAG_chemical_lab.pdf>.

1. Update from Chancellor’s University Safety Committee – Mike Livingston

The CUSC reviewed accident and injury reports from the last quarter. The review of these reports is critical in the mitigation of future incidents and stresses the importance of reporting near misses. These reports can help determine the root cause of the incident and if an adjustment of the protocol or activity is warranted.

1. Safety committee webpage and its “Suggestion Box” Open dialogue about safety concerns.

The committee reviewed the Office of Risk Management forms and suggested that these forms can be placed on the Safety Committee webpage, the steps to take when an injury has occurred and the contact information of our HR personnel. Also, a link to the EHS SOP for reporting injuries. <https://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-injury.pdf>

4) Promote the EHS Listserv. ~To SUBSCRIBE and get your own copy if you received this from send an e-mail to LISTSERV@LISTSERV.UNL.EDU . Preview latest edition-Betsy Howe

Betsy provided an overview of the current and pending Listserv. Which included information on safe winter driving, flu shots, bio-safety topics, situational preparedness, and general Holiday safety practices for all.

5) EHS COvid-19 training module. Departmental participation percentages-Katelyn Rife

Katelyn indicated 80% of Departmental personnel had completed the EHS Covid-19 EHS safety training modules.

6) Building Covid-19 signage and other precautions: What has been successful, where can we Improve? Changes or adaptation’s for Spring semester.

The committee consensus was the current signage has worked well and no recommendations for changes for the spring semester are needed.

7) New business, ideas to be addressed

Nate Palmer indicated that the USDA is maintaining low density of employees at their work sites and following CDC safety guidelines.

8) Next Meeting time: February 16 2:00 pm zoom

