

Safety Committee Agenda: Wednesday 3/11/20, 2:00 PM in 279M Plant Science

Attendees: Dave Hyten, Kay McClure-Kelly, Robert Harrison, Betsy Howe, Mike Livingston, Kyle Broderick, Tyler Frederick, Pam Sutton, TJ McAndrew, Smitha Rayadurg, Larry Harisis

Call to order 3:05 PM

1) Field Safety: Address concerns in regards to field safety. 911 addresses

Mike mentioned some past concerns about speeding on research farms and to remind individuals of the speed limit (15Mph) on research farms and the posting on signage. The message to spread is maintain situational awareness of farm equipment and the presence of others while working on the research farms. He also mentioned it would be a good idea to know and include the 911 address on research farms to enable first responders to pinpoint location in case of an accident.

2) Safety profile update and on the job injury procedures- John Dillingham

To address on the job injuries John Dillingham provided a list of those medical facilities that would process Dept. of Labor workman's compensation claims. An individual can go to any medical provider they wish, but not all will process the federal government paperwork in this regard. Betsy H indicated the forms are available on the EHS website. Below is the list of providers.

Company Care, 11909 P St # 201, Omaha, NE 68137

Company Care 5000 N 26th St #200 Lincoln, NE 68521 402-475-6656

Concentra Urgent Care, 4900 N 26th St Ste 104, Lincoln, NE 68521, (402) 465-0010

MedExpress Urgent Care, 5000 N 26th St, Lincoln, NE 68521, (402) 435-9078

3) Update on near miss/accident reporting. Safety Committee website anonymous suggestions box.

On 1/28/20 Mike received a report of a concern of the fumes generated by the propane powered fork lift operated in the Stewart Seed Lab. Mike contacted Lisa Mensah from EHS and TJ McAndrew. From 2/3/20 thru 2/5/20 Lisa conducted air quality tests. Carbon monoxide levels were measured at 2 PPM, the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) is 50 PPM. Carbon dioxide levels were also measured and were found to be typical for outdoor fresh air according to Lisa's measurement. See attached. All air handling systems operating normally.

4) Severe Weather awareness Week is March 23-March 27. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, testing of sirens will occur regardless of weather conditions. First Wednesday of the month, each and every month, if it is above 32 F/0°C and clear skies tornado sirens will be tested. New employees should investigate tornado shelter areas to familiarize themselves prior to an actual tornado warning.

5) New Listserv items from EHS and seasonal reminders from EHS- Betsy Howe.

Betsy provide handouts from the Chancellor's safety committee campaign in reference to distracted driving, walking, and biking while utilizing a cellphone. She also made the committee aware of the digital signage portfolio that is available to University personnel. All EHS posters are available online or you can request from Betsy. ATV training will be available from the NE Safety Council and Betsy will make us aware when these dates are finalized. EHS is promoting an Office Safety Initiative.

6) Chemical Storage room 164 PLSH-Overflow storage for flammables and corrosives.

Mike wants to inform Department personnel who may need additional flammable storage that some space is available in PLSH room 164. This is to avoid storing flammable liquids in those laboratories without proper flammable storage cabinets. Mike is looking into purchasing a cabinet specifically for corrosives in that area as well.

7) Upcoming training sessions

Mike will hold trainings in next month for those who are new to laboratory and field work. TBA

8) New Business

Larry shared a recent incident that occurred in a laboratory at UNL. A chemical splash and injury occurred to a graduate student. Neither the PI nor the lab manager were available and the injured party called 911. The graduate student knew the location of the eye wash and the steps to take in this situation. Larry used this incident to remind us to ensure our students, staff, and faculty have all the required trainings necessary, and how to locate and implement safety equipment to minimize injury in the event of an accident.

Next Meeting time is Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm in 375 PLSH