

Safety Committee Minutes Wednesday 2/16/21 2:00 PM Zoom

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Attendees: Martha Rowe, Heidi Hillhouse, Nathan Palmer, Larry Harisis, Elizabeth Howe, Katelyn Rife, Kyle Broderick, Kay McClure Kelly, Shawn McDonald, Mike Livingston

Call to order 2:02 pm

1) Laboratory self-audits, peroxide testing, chemical waste, A&H Safety page

It has been approximately one year since peroxide forming chemicals were tested. If you have these kinds of chemicals in the lab you should retest and date/label containers. If you are unsure of this procedure, please refer to EHS SOP <https://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-peroxides.pdf> Mike has peroxide testing strips. Additionally, Mike encouraged laboratory personnel to continue to perform laboratory self-audits. https://ehs.unl.edu/s-SAG_chemical_lab.pdf

2) Safety training update and on the job injury procedures- Katelyn Rife

Katelyn indicated an 85% completion rate of the Covid-19 training by Departmental personnel. Katelyn encouraged those who might be returning to campus to participate in this training. Betsy provided a link which in turn was added to the Department's Safety Committee webpage for the actions to take if a student is injured "On-The Job" <https://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-injury.pdf>

3) Update on near miss/accident reporting. Larry Harisis

Larry provided a synopsis of a student injury, eye irritation. EHS deduced airborne dust or dirt was likely involved. EHS informed BSM to increase airflow to the specific room. EHS encouraged personnel to employ fume hoods when working with dusty material and to ensure adequate airflow in your working space. Specific irritant was not identified. Kyle Broderick added students were working with fungal inoculum.

4) Severe Weather awareness Week is March 21-March 27. On Wednesday March 24th, testing of sirens will occur regardless of weather conditions. The first Wednesday of the month, each month, if the temperature is above 32 F/0°C and the sky is clear the tornado sirens will be tested. Mike encouraged existing personnel to show new employees the safe places to shelter during the upcoming tornado drills

5) CUSC update and seasonal reminders from EHS- Betsy Howe

Betsy talked about Box account migration and access to EHS graphics. She updated the committee on the CUSC "Head's up" campaign which is related to electronic distractions while moving about in our daily lives. Betsy indicated numerous injuries occurred during the last quarter because of ice. She indicated anyone could call the facility service desk at 472-1550 to report these areas. She also directed personnel to the containers of deicer/sand mix near building entrances that anyone can disperse in problem areas.

6) First Aid Kits in vehicles, PPE, and sanitizing products.

Mike wanted to remind personnel to restock, purchase, and double check First Aid Kits in Departmental vehicles as our field season quickly approaches. This would also be a good time to put together your Covid-19 PPE materials to ensure safe and sanitary conditions while engaging in field work this spring. Larry indicated some sterilizing products containing alcohol should be removed from vehicles daily when the temperatures begin to rise.

7) Upcoming training sessions

Will update on Fire extinguisher, field safety, ATV safety, new lab users. Mike indicated he had met with newly arrived personnel and emailed them with pertinent links to EHS safety training modules and the EHS training needs assessment matrix. https://ehs.unl.edu/Training_Needs_Assessment.pdf

8) New Business

No new business was brought to the attention of the committee.

9) Next meeting time Wednesday May 12th at 2:00 pm

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