

Safety Committee Minutes: Wednesday 5/12/21 2:00 PM Zoom

Attendee list: TJ McAndrew, Betsy Howe, Martha Rowe, Mike Livingston, Nathan Palmer, Katelyn Rife, Syed Naeemm, Kay McClure-Kelly, Kyle Broderick

- 1) Emergency Action Plan (EAP) update. Brief description of the groups, their function, and reminders, info found on the A&H Safety page-Mike Livingston.

Mike presented the EAP document to the Safety Committee members, Mike updated the document with new personnel from the various programs within Keim/PLSH and submitted to Fran the updated document for the Safety Committee webpage.

- 2) Safety and Covid training update- Katelyn Rife

Katelyn provide the Committee with an update on the Covid-19 training within the Department. We are at 85-90% completion rate of this training within the Department.

- 3) Overview of EPA and Nebraska department of environment and energy inspections-Larry Harisis

Larry indicated that the NDEE audit went well, he indicated in Keim and PLSH there were a couple of unlabeled pipette tip waste containers and iterated the importance of labelling containers.

- 4) Training needs assessment for those new to laboratory work or new to UNL labs.

Mike gave a reminder to the committee of the importance of utilizing the EHS web-based training needs assessment matrix. This matrix is utilized to determine those training modules a person should complete based on specific tasks or hazards of a particular job or protocol.

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

Betsy provided an update from the EHS Listserv related to the summertime hazards and activities. She shared new signage and graphics related to campus safety issues related to distracted driving. She also addressed one's ability to contact the facilities service desk to report facility and campus safety issues. The phone for the service desk is 472-1550 or email ServiceDesk@unl.edu

- 6) Chemical storage room PLSH , flammable storage, and accessibility-Mike Livingston

Mike wanted to make Department personnel aware of the availability of the chemical storage room in PLSH 164. Flammable storage is the most utilized by individuals that do not have the capacity within their laboratory space. The key is available for check out.

- 7) Upcoming training sessions: Field Safety

Mike advised committee members that he would hold a field safety training session on Friday 9/14 and encouraged members to reach out to those individuals that had new personnel participating in field work this summer.

- 8) Covid-19 Summer expectations

Hand sanitizing stations have been removed from the hallways. The current directive from UNL Fleet Services is masks must be worn in University vehicles and occupants must have the Safer Community App with building access granted. Building access is back to pre-pandemic levels.

9) New Business

Kyle Broderick raised the issue of closed toe sandals being worn while in the lab. Larry Harisis indicated other Departments have prohibited their use. Mike indicated he persuades people to not wear sandals in the lab and to have other alternatives shoes available in the lab.

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