

Safety Committee Minutes: Tuesday, December 13, 2:00 PM in 375 Plant Science
Attendees: Dave Hyten, Betsy Howe, Martha Rowe, TJ McAndrew, Nathan Palmer, Syed Naeem, Mike Livingston

- 1) Upcoming Safety & Compliance Survey: Guidelines for laboratories.
https://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-SAG_chemical_lab.pdf

Mike provided the link for the general guidelines for EHS lab inspections, Syed indicated 20 rooms have already been inspected with minimal issues encountered. PI's have received reports.

- 2) New Worker Protection Standard (pesticide) training via Zoom. Link on A&H safety page.
<https://ard.unl.edu/greenhouses/worker-protection-standards-training>

Mike provided the link to committee members to raise awareness for this required training for users of areas in the field or greenhouse where pesticides are applied. Questions on this training can be directed to Jeff Witkowski at jwitkowski2@unl.edu

- 3) Update and significance of reporting near miss incidents. - Betsy Howe

Betsy provided handouts and signage on the process for reporting near miss incidents. These incidents are compiled by EHS and some of those incidents are incorporated into the EHS Listserv to raise awareness and attempt to mitigate future incidents.

- 4) Emergency Preparedness- Continuity of operations and UNL Alert to new VOIP phone system.

Mike relayed information on a new program provided by the UNL emergency management director. This program will focus on the steps to take if an "incident" occurs in our facility and how to communicate this incident. The development of a plan and its recommendations for continuity of operations will include the role of UNL's Emergency Operations Center will have in this scenario.

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

The focus of the latest Listserv is on safety hazards that can occur in office settings and awareness of seasonal hazards associated with driving.

- 6) New autoclave performance testing guidelines.

Martha Rowe addressed the new testing procedures for autoclaves in BSL-1 and BSL- 2 autoclaves within the Department. Currently 4 autoclaves in the Department are tested quarterly, EHS will no longer be testing and keeping the record of these autoclave tests. The committee discussed the procedures and costs going forward.

7) Upcoming training sessions.

Situational awareness., CPR/AED, New Lab user

8) New business.

No new business to address

9) Next meeting time.

March 15, 2:00 PM, 375 PLSH