Safety Committee Minutes: Wednesday, April 6, 2:00 PM

Attendees: David Hyten, Martha Rowe, Kay McClure-Kelly, Elizabeth Howe, Syeed Naeem, TJ McAndrew, Nathan Palmer, Kyle Broderick, Mike Livingston

1) Department updates: Information from Safety Committee meetings- Mike Livingston

To keep the Department apprised of Safety committee agenda items a brief “Safety Short” will be distributed to the Department via the Agro/Hort email.

2) Upcoming training sessions: Field Safety, New Lab User, Stop the Bleed
   Stop the bleed April 6, Field Safety April 14, New lab user TBD

3) CUSC update “Plan Ahead Directive” EHS- Betsy Howe

Betsy Howe presented new graphics from the Chancellor’s Safety Committee initiative that was developed by committee members to raise awareness to a variety of issues including ergonomics, employment of PPE in various situations, distracted walking/driving, near miss close call scenarios, and situational awareness to one’s surroundings.

4) Fire Drill planning – Tuesday May 31 - Mike Livingston

Historically this has been held the Tuesday after returning from the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. Arrangements will be made with UNLPD, UNL Emergency Management and LFR. Mike will send out the Department Emergency Action Plan to reacquaint personnel with gathering points outside of our building complex.

5) First Aid Kits in vehicles, PPE, and sanitizing products

Mike has ordered new kits and will place them in Department rental vehicles. He encourages all to inspect their First Aid kits in their project vehicles, replenish stock if needed and share the location of the First Aid Kit with those who might be passengers or working with the project.

6) Core Safety training updates and EHS audit review-EHS- Syed Naeem

Syed Naeem from EHS presented the UNL EHS web-based training and presented the training menu and training needs assessment. He presented the top 10 violations from 2021 safety inspections. Improperly labeled disinfectant bottles, unlabeled secondary containers, improperly stored biohazard waste, safety showers not tested were among the top five

7) Old business

Martha Rowe brought up dry ice shipping and it was indicated that this issue was addressed.

Mike asked EHS personnel if new trainings were available, and Betsy Howe indicated the respirator training can be completed online. Fit testing is still required annually. Betsy indicated new SOP’s have been added. Nathan Palmer posed the question about adding a new supervisor as a new scientist is arriving. Betsy indicated that by emailing EHS a new supervisor can be
added. Kyle Broderick asked about a departure of a PI and chemical disposal. Elizabeth will follow up with Kyle and Mike for general information on this issue.

8) Next Meeting time

June 29, 2:00 PM, 375 PLSH
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