

## Safety Committee Minutes: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Attendees: Rebecca Cederberg, Kay McClure, Betsy Howe, Elizabeth Bardot, Mike Livingston, TJ McAndrew

- 1) Overview of EHS Listserv topics ladder safety and DST precautions. -Betsy Howe

Betsy provided the committee with handouts referencing the upcoming time change and the potential for the increase in the number of accidents and other incidents that can occur related to this. DST is also a time to replace batteries in smoke alarms/CO detectors and home fire extinguishers.

- 2) Upcoming trainings: Field Safety -Mike Livingston

Mike indicated that next week he will announce the dates of the upcoming field safety presentation. Due to spring break next week Mike will present the following week.

- 3) EHS laboratory safety and compliance surveys- Larry Harisis

Larry was unable to attend but Rebecca C. indicated that to her knowledge nothing raised particular concern. Mike's conversation with Larry H. prior to the meeting indicated audits were over halfway completed and generally looked well.

- 4) Protocol body fluid clean up Non-BBP: Blood custodial contacts and SOP-

Lacey Fulton is the contact within Plant Sciences Hall and Keim Hall for cleanup. Please call the facilities services desk if you come across this situation at 402 472-1550.

- 5) Incident and Alertus notification- Cheryl Dunn

Cheryl made an inquiry as to the reason why a lock down order was not issued during the recent incident on East Campus. Mike indicated he would follow up with UNLPD at an upcoming meeting. Additional info below from UNLPD published in the daily Nebraskan.

[https://www.dailynebraskan.com/news/n-safetyupdate/article\\_bd3cdf7e-d4fb-11ee-b124-5be72fb65111.html?utm\\_source=the-husk.beehiiv.com&utm\\_medium=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=marching-into-march-let-us-plan-your-weekend](https://www.dailynebraskan.com/news/n-safetyupdate/article_bd3cdf7e-d4fb-11ee-b124-5be72fb65111.html?utm_source=the-husk.beehiiv.com&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=marching-into-march-let-us-plan-your-weekend)

- 6) Laminar flow hoods and biosafety cabinets overview - Rebecca Cederberg.

Rebecca Cederberg provided handouts that discern the differences between the two types of hoods and how each is utilized in differing research applications.

- 7) Severe Weather awareness week. March 27, 10:00 AM Sirens Update Department on protocol.

Mike indicated that during severe weather week he will send out a message to the Department indicating tornado shelter areas in the building and encourage those to seek these areas out during this drill to have familiarity with the areas when an actual tornado warning is issued.

- 8) New business- No new business?

9) Next Meeting time June 5, 2024, 2:00 PM, 279M Plant Sciences Hall

Note: These are not verbatim minutes. They are a summary of the discussions at the Safety Committee meeting and as corrected by those participating.