

MINUTES
LABORATORY AND CHEMICAL SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 23, 2003 (2101G McGavran-Greenberg)

Members present: Lorraine Alexander, Bonnie Taylor-Blake, Bruna Brylawski, James Gilbert, Ray Hackney, Katherine Hamil, Jim Morken, Kirby Zeman, Kim Burns,

Members absent: Mike Fisher, Elizabeth Guthrie, Diane Shugars, Liska Lackey

Also present: Gary Shaver (Environment Health and Safety), Pete Reinhardt (Environment Health and Safety),

Minutes for the meeting on November 14, 2002 were approved.

Review of a draft of the Laboratory Chemical Hood and Ventilation Policy

Gary Shaver led the discussion of the policy. All new hood installations are to have a written engineering assessment and receive a performance test at installation. Each new hood will be labeled with test and fan identification information. All hoods will be installed with flow sensors and alarms. Hood exhaust fans will receive quarterly inspections by Facilities Services and all hood with hot wire flow sensors must have semi-annual maintenance. EHS will inspect and test flow in hoods annually. EHS will provide training for hood users.

Accidents and Incidents in Lab Buildings

James Gilbert distributed documents that listed the incidents and injuries that occurred in lab building during the past year. There were 8 cuts or needle stick injuries, 5 potential exposures to toxic materials, 4 animal bites, 3 sprains or strains, 2 burns, 2 potential disease exposures, and 1 repetitive motion injury. For incidents during the past year there were 77 odor complaints in lab buildings. There were 66 spills, 53 of which were mercury spills. There were 9 other miscellaneous incidents.