

MINUTES
LABORATORY AND CHEMICAL SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 16, 2003 (2101G McGavran-Greenberg)

Members present: Lorraine Alexander, James Gilbert, Ray Hackney, Katherine Hamil, Kirby Zeman, Kim Burns, Diane Shugars

Members absent: Bonnie Taylor-Blake, Bruna Brylawski, Mike Fisher, Elizabeth Guthrie, Liska Lackey, Jim Morken,

Also present: John Rawls, Dirk Kumashiro, Mimi Bennett of Administrative Information Services

Minutes for the meeting on April 23, 2003 were approved.

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

Representatives from Administrative Information Services (AIS) presented a draft their draft of automating the Laboratory Safety Plan (LSP) process so that LSPs can be submitted and updated from the EHS website. The committee provided feedback on the draft. The semi-annual update will need to be coordinated with the LSP update. How the floor plan will be drawn will need to be developed, perhaps by “click” and “drag”. Biosafety levels would be designated by room.

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. The following injuries were reviewed:

Department	Injury
LABORATORY ANIMAL MEDICINE	Employee had been moving boxes all morning and while coming back from snack bar felt faint and struck head against wall. Left wrist also injured in fall.
MEDICINE	Employee enters data into computer all day. Went to UEOHC, advised to alter work habits, stretch.
CHEMISTRY	Graduate student working in dark room was looking at camera screen of ethidium bromide stained gels on UV box. UV light was on approximately 30-40 sec. UV source was shielded with rad shielding. No eye protection worn. Pain became unbearable in the middle of the night and went to the ER.
INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCES	As liquid nitrogen in capped test tubes evaporated, the increased pressure caused one of the caps to come off and strike the employee in the eye. No eye protection was worn.
PSYCHIATRY	Employee bitten by mouse while attempting to tag ear.

For incidents during April to June there were: 27 odor complaints in lab buildings; 15 spills, 13 of which were mercury spills; 4 other miscellaneous incidents.