

**MINUTES**  
**LABORATORY AND CHEMICAL SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, September 21, 2016 (2005 Michael Hooker Research Center)

**Members Present:** Lorraine Alexander, Catherine Brennan, Pat Boone, Kimberlie Burns, Nita Eskew, Mary Beth Koza, Stephanie Murray, Todd O'Buckley, Jim Potts, Kathryn Reissner

**Members Absent:** Anthony Hackney, Rihe Liu

**Guest(s):** Mary Crabtree (EHS)

Meeting commenced at 3:00 pm.

**University Workers Compensation Overview**

Crabtree gave an overview of worker's compensation including: employee benefits, determination of compensability, leave and medical benefits and return to work policies. EHS incident investigation was outlined as was where employees may seek treatment for injuries. Statistics for University worker's compensation were reviewed and a lab safety statistics were highlighted. Finally, the state [Hazard Hero](#) program for near misses was discussed.

**Lab Safety Plan PI Verification**

Brennan displayed the new PI verification page within the lab safety plan. It includes text that outlines PI requirements for training. Laboratory principal investigators are responsible for training lab personnel on the contents of the University's Chemical Hygiene Plan and specific hazards or hazardous operations within each individual lab as documented on the lab safety plan. At a minimum, an annual lab safety training for lab personnel is required led by the Principal Investigator of the lab. The verification page will ask PI's to sign-off that these trainings have occurred and outline lab specific safety trainings that were discussed. The committee had some minor edits and would like to see the language one final time before approval and implementation.

**Injuries and Incidents**

The Committee reviewed the log of injuries and incidents from July and August, 2016.

INJURY TYPE	INJURY
ABSORPTION, INGESTION, INHALATION	Employee was potentially exposed to Beta- mercaptoethanol after an uncapped bottle tipped over.
ANIMAL BITE	Employee was bitten by a mouse through skin while handling.
BLOOD EXPOSURE - NEEDLESTICK	Employee was euthanizing infected mice and stuck themselves with needle through glove.
BLOOD EXPOSURE - OTHER	Employee accidentally splashed face with human cell culture material.
BURN OR SCALD	Employee came into contact with disinfection chemicals (Vimoba) and received a burn/rash on arm and hand.
CUT, PUNCTURE, SCRAPE	Employee was trying to remove used printer ribbon from spool of a label printer. Employee used a knife to cut out labels and knife slipped and cut left hand.
CUT, PUNCTURE, SCRAPE	Employee was connecting computer to HDMI cable in conference room and cut finger.
STRAIN	Employee was moving a full tank of liquid nitrogen in and out of a tight work space and strained back.
STRAIN	Employee developed pain in right hand while typing

For incidents, there were 2 miscellaneous, 3 odor complaints, and 1 chemical spill.

**Other Committee Business**

Koza is looking for undergraduate and graduate clubs where she can speak regarding safety culture. Please let her know if you have any suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.