

**CAS Safety Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
November 20, 2014**

In attendance: Jim Ervin, Penny Diebel, Dan Curry, Seth Spencer, Gretchen Cuevas, Carrie Burkholder, Dan Kermoyan. Participating via video: Carol Cole, Jeff Wiseman, Dave Bohnert

Introductions

Updates

- SAIF Agricultural Safety Training – held at BC Fairgrounds December 10th. All are encouraged to attend.
- The OSU Extension Safety Committee is working to change university policy surrounding who has authority to authorize the closure of an off-campus location. In an effort to make things easier and more uniform between Extension and all off campus sites Carrie will work to make sure this policy covers our off-campus locations. The unit leader will now be able to authorize a closure at the location due to weather, emergency, etc. They would then notify their AD and then the AD would notify Glen Ford. Carrie will notify all units when the process is approved. (Burkholder)

Accident Report Review

- Conversation regarding a few specific entries on report. Focus on gas from silage incident with students at the dairy barns. Incident has prompted the need for more instruction on the storage of silage and the dangers of the gas emissions. (Spencer)

Action Item Follow Up

- OSHA & hay bale incident in Vet Med – Spencer is writing SOP regarding the hay bale handling for Animal & Rangeland Sciences and he will have this done within the next two weeks as per the EHS request. Burkholder will check with other hay using units to ensure that they are updating their practices to be in compliance with the OSHA requirements and that they are aware of guidelines and dangers.
- Discussion regarding the OSHA standards. Division 2 is general industry and most of OSU falls under that standard. Division 4 is agricultural (farms). We follow the higher of the standards if reference in both or refer to the other if one is silent. Bohnert noted that the IACUC says his station is considered Division 4 for animal use. These differences do not conflict with each other as they are different usages.
- Field Work Discussion – Burkholder has put together a workgroup with representation from Forestry, Geology, Boats, Rec Sports. Their mission is to develop policies and gather resources relating to field work and off campus excursions.
- Conversation regarding communication device options offsite – remote areas can have little to no cell coverage and some workers are out in the field for days at a time. Bohnert uses SPOT

(satellite driven communicator) which gives the offsite people the ability to send a limited number of messages to alert to trouble or to check in. It also functions as a locator beacon for emergencies. HMSC/COMES offered information on a version that is used offshore as well.

New Business

- Lab safety binder has been updated. Primary updates are in chemical inventory and labeling guidelines.
- Tractor Safety – No good guidelines in place. OSHA and SAIF have trainings online and LBCC provides courses but there is nothing official available on campus to employees. Burkholder will try to get copies of the SAIF training to place on the CAS Safety Website. General Agriculture Department has done training at the dairy barns – contact them for specifics. There should be solid guidelines in place for use of equipment to ensure that users are aware of the dangers of the equipment and how to deal with emergencies. The discussion continues.
- ATV use – Are helmets required? Yes if under 18 or on roads. Over 18 not regulated off road. Federal/ Public land has no exemption to the helmet rule. Have to be worn on that property. Burkholder will confirm requirements and post with ATV training link on website.

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- Horticulture and Crop/Soil Science have their own safety pages on their websites. General information which funnels to EHS site for specifics.

CAS SCC Meeting Schedule for 2015 – TBD

- January 15, 2015
- March 19, 2015
- May 14, 2015
- July 16, 2015
- September 17, 2015
- November 19, 2015