

**CAS Safety Advisory Council  
Meeting**

November 15, 2016 10:30 – 12:00  
Strand 168

**I. Call to Order –**

In attendance: Jim Ervin, Kevin Buch, Carrie Burkholder, Dan Curry, Seth Spencer, Dan Kermoyan, Jeff Strang, Gretchen Cuevas, Jennifer Cohen, Penny Diebel and joining via video Dave Bohnert, Carol Cole, Tim Weinke

**II. Updates, announcements, any new agenda items?**

Overview from Bohnert of Administrators meeting conversations. Concern regarding safety contacts at AES stations not having direct knowledge of issues, ex. herbicides or pesticides. Discussion of need for person with technical and regulatory knowledge for more comprehensive audits. Investigate PD for technical person to supplement Carrie's liaison position. Need for more visits to point out problems at individual sites. EHS is planning to ramp up their visits to off campus sites and that could help with this issue. Jeff S does do this for his ARS units and feels the federal process is very thorough. Consideration of hiring a consultant to get the stations up to speed on safety priorities. Big issue for off campus units is the lack of onsite training on an ongoing basis. Is EHS able to do this on a regular basis? Their goal is once a year to each station but that has not been consistent. Each station representative stressed their need for a review person at least annually. C Burkholder brought up the need for stronger, clearer, communication to the units on and off campus being more mindful of who the information is going to and what their need is – what do they need to know.

**III. Review UHSC meetings and accident reports – Burkholder/Sreniawski**

- a. Accident reports: July, August, September, October – so few CAS accidents.

Buch asked question regarding need for reasonable and prudent guidelines on doing fieldwork alone. Burkholder referred to the Fieldwork Safety Program and the need for check in/check out program and buddy system. Discussion of SEC shooting incident and the need for better communication standards for field workers. Buch- near misses are great opportunities for developing programs. It is important to report the near misses for analysis. UC Davis implemented an anonymous system for people to report near misses without fear of repercussion. Much discussion on how to deal with the responses to a system of this type.

#### **IV. Action item follow-up / Old business**

- a. Update on lab coat program for off-campus locations – Kermoyan

In process. EHS shipping to the off-site stations – two sets per person and the laundry part will have to be worked out. If station opts to use alternate vendor that cost will have to be paid by the unit. Hatfield still working on best option for their unit.

- b. Field work safety program for CAS – Carrie

Still under construction. Perhaps should be discussed in more detail at Administrators Meeting. Hope to have it completed by field work season 2017. Carol emphasized the need for a top down approach to implementation.

- c. Canvas Safety Training – Carrie

Successful roll out with Farm Unit. Burkholder working on similar class for Animal production units. Hope to roll out in winter. Curry impressed with system and the ease of use for all farm users. Next step is WPS and could link to EPA or EHS sites for training segments. Consideration

of making the re-training each January mandatory for all which ends question or who is trained and who is not.

d. Fume hood issue in Gilmore – Kermoyan

No action – needs to follow-up.

## **V. New Business**

a. Safety Training workshop for CAS Safety Contacts – Carrie

Discussion in Administrators Workshop – have annual safety workshop for unit safety contacts.

Would be good to collaborate with EHS, Buch, other safety and compliance units. Bend campus?

## **MEMBERSHIP –**

Carrie will send out notices of renewal/non-renewal. Perhaps add a FW person for field work perspective.