

## **CAS Safety Advisory Council Meeting**

May 21, 2019

**Members Present:** Jim Ervin, Carrie Burkholder, Pete Loschl, Jen Cohen, Dan Curry, Seth Spencer, Lowell Fausett, Alison Storms, Barb Lagerquist, Dave Jacobson, Dan Kermoyan, Gretchen Cuevas

### **Updates, announcements, new agenda items:**

- Lab inspections completed recently in Newport by EHS. Only a few items were out of compliance.
- HMSC had public complaint related to invertebrate handling procedures so Cinnamon Moffett has developed a new protocol to remedy the situation.
- CFU Flood update – farms underwater but a week later it was all drained. Impact on research may not be known for some time but buildings and equipment sustained little to no damage.
- EH&S Dept/Unit Safety Coordinators' seminar overview – EH&S is developing a program to better identify new faculty and make the process easier for them to become registered in their online system. EH&S has hired a new drinking water program person, Stewart Simmons. Will be increasing the frequency of lab assessments. Would like to be every 18 months rather than 2-4 years. More staffing in EHS for lab assessment. Self-assessments are still a recommended practice for OSU labs.

### **Review UHSC meetings and accident reports:**

- Accident reports – March, April – KBREC chemical incident was a result of handmade coupling on the sprayer. To prevent any future occurrences they will purchase coupling from manufacturer.
- Incidences of contact with ticks were noted and this is just the beginning of the season. Although we still do not have many issues with vector-borne diseases in Oregon, it is still advisable that supervisors train employees to understand the risks and to know how to reduce exposure.

### **Action item follow-up / Old business:**

- Bridge rollout – the Bridge training system will begin to be populated with safety trainings this summer. It will start with laboratory safety trainings needed for any employee working in a lab. Eventually this system will be able to replace Canvas for our college's safety training needs. Within the next few months it will also allow non-OSU employees to access the trainings.
- AED for Strand and other buildings. We had a request to install an AED in Strand. Dan K says that we should go ahead and request one through the Safety Purchase Program. If it is approved through this program, I can suggest this route to other CAS units that are in need of one.
- Hallway signage for evacuations for persons unable to evacuate on their own – Gabe Merrill of ADA says that having signage in buildings is appropriate and that SEC has good examples. Do not use the word handicapped on signage. Language on emergency plan is being updated but should be building specific. Those with wheelchairs/limited mobility should remain in place rather than having a central meeting place.

### **New Business**

- EH&S visits to remote locations – they are working to make this a more regular practice for assessments and hazardous waste removal.
- Reminder for field fire safety for upcoming season – reminder going to units referencing fire awareness and prompting readiness for this season. Equipment is typical cause of fire in farming situations. Refer to last year's fire protocol that was distributed. Focus on equipment safety

### **CAS SAC Meeting Schedule for 2019 – Strand 168**

September 17, 2019

November 19, 2019