

**Chancellor's University Safety Committee**  
**Quarterly Meeting**  
**June 11, 2002; 3:00 pm**  
**East Campus Union**

**Present:** Paul Harmon (College of Engineering), Judy Prochaska (Utility Plant), Del Weed (Environmental, Health and Safety), Clyde Burkholder (Maintenance), John Branson (Transportation), Nick Huser (Environmental, Health and Safety), Jay Schluckebier (Landscape Services), Chris Oelling (Campus Recreation), Ken Walvoord (Custodial), Mylo Bushing (University Police), Kay McClure (SCREC), Mark Schroeder (ARDC), Cathy Benes (UNOPA), Charles Kingsbury (Chemistry), Todd Cuddy (Theatre Arts), Harry Hall (Libraries), Yoko Smith (Environmental, Health and Safety).

**Introductions** The meeting was called to order by Paul Harmon at 3:00 pm. Paul welcomed attendees and asked them to introduce themselves.

**EHS Activities Report** Nick Huser presented the EHS activity report.

Radiation Safety Security reviews and upgrades are complete. RSO has resigned, effective mid-July, and RSO on campus interview are scheduled for June 14 and 17. Roy Kunz, RS Technician, is still on active military duty. Year-end dosimetry/exposure reports are done. The annual external review was completed with good results.

Environmental Program REC audits are complete. Follow-up to findings is in progress. SPCC and tank inspections were completed this quarter. Waste contract bids have come in and vendor selection will occur in June. All livestock waste operations were also reviewed. The grant for Waste Minimization Coordinator was extended until September 2002.

Occupational Safety Biosafety legislation has passed, resulting in increased regulation of Select Agents and additional regulated plant and animal pathogens and toxins. Asbestos abatement efforts are under way in cooperation with FMP to establish a program. Gary O'Neal who is responsible for IAQ issues such as asbestos and lead exposure was hired.

Training and Promotions EHS are currently advertising for a Training and Promotions Coordinator. Interviewing is to begin in mid-June. Web-based training HazCom site modifications are complete. EHS will be working on additional web-based training modules – faculty guidance for regulatory issues; scaffolding; back safety; etc. Many additions were made to Virtual Manual including many environmental and radiation safety issues. Virtual Manual received National Award of Distinction from CSHEMA. Nick Huser asked attendees of their feedback on Virtual Manual. Mark Schroeder said Virtual Manual was good because it listed applicable safety concerns and directed the users to related web sites.

Training Opportunity EHS Environmental Program staff recently attended a Methamphetamine lab training session at Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department. The training was given by a NSP officer. He would be willing to give the training at UNL. Nick asked attendees if there was any interest in having such training on campus. Mylo Bushing stated if there was any concern related to Meth labs on campus, we should contact UNL Police. UNL Police is having an officer attend 2-week training on Meth labs. More officers will be involved in dealing with potential Meth labs on campus.

Nick Huser discussed the accidents from April and May 2002. He also discussed bollards placement on campus. Nick questioned what Lincoln Fire and Rescue would do to respond emergency on campus. Mylo Bushing stated UNL Police are to move bollards before Lincoln Fire and Rescue arrive at the scene. Consideration is given to possibly give the keys to LFR. Jay Schluckebier said Landscape Services would start placing bollards in a few days.

Nick reported on the fire at Welpton Courtroom. The roofing contractor used a torch to make the roof tar flow and it caught the wood between the flashing on fire. In spite of Ozone treatment, smoke smell still lingers in the building.

### **Campus Update**

Paul Harmon reported the update on safety issues on campus. He gave kudos to Landscape Services for installing bollards throughout the campuses. He also reported that Beadle Center is reorganizing its safety committee.

### **New Member Involvement**

Paul recognized a few new attendees. Various sectors of UNL are represented in CUSC, except that there is no representation from UAAD. Cathy Benes, UNOPA representative, stated her position was interim. Paul encouraged attendees to join CUSC if they were not members.

### **Election of New Chairperson**

Paul Harmon is stepping down as Chairperson after two years in the position. He asked the attendees if anyone was interested in becoming the next Chairperson. Mark Schroeder expressed interest. He was chosen to be the next Chairperson unopposed.

### **Open Forum**

- Dr. Kingsbury asked if Personal Protective Equipment, particularly eye protection, usage by students during classes is still a state requirement. Paul responded it depended on the hazard present in the classroom; flying object, chemicals, etc. It is hard for professors to enforce PPE usage. Del Weed stated at minimum eye protection with side shield should be provided without any charge to the students if chemicals are used in the class. Paul suggested to research on the stipulation on this matter.
- Cathy Benes asked how many unit safety committees are on campus. EHS web site should have a list of all unit safety committees. Paul suggested updating the list on the web, if needed. Cathy also asked if we have a meeting with all unit safety committees and CUSC. Paul said we usually have a general meeting in the fall with vendors. Unit safety committee member have high turnover, so it is difficult to keep track of members.
- Del Weed questioned how many Automated External Defibrillators are present on campus. Currently, University Health Center, City and East Campus Recreation, Athletics and Love Library have AEDs, but there may be more on campus. It was

suggested to take an inventory of AEDs. Chris Oelling said those authorized to use AEDs in Campus Recreation take Red Cross CPR course as well as half hour AED training.

- John Branson asked what should be done if an injured employee did not have means to pay for treatment at LincCare and they ask the injured employees to pay for the treatment upfront. Nick stated EHS has a SOP on emergency medical providers. This SOP should state which medical providers do not require payments at the time of service

### **Closing Remarks**

Paul thanked the attendee. On behalf of CUSC members, Ken Walwood thanked Paul for two years of service as Chairperson.

[Accident Summary – April and May 2002](#)