

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes Draft

July 12, 2006

Members present; Randy Walker (HMSC/OSU,) Brian Parker (NOAA/FRAM,) Faith Cole (EPA) and Lori Parker (ODF&W)

Walker talked about the recent AED, CPR and First Aid eight hour training that took place at HMSC. The class is considered a success with about 25 people in attendance. This will allow HMSC to place the AED out in the hall by the Staff lunchroom for use.

Brian Parker told about the fire at the NOAA Facility at Lake Union, in Seattle. There is extensive damage to the docks and a few structures. The cause of the fire appears to be a faulty 800 AMP 440 volt cable supplying power to the ships tied up at the pier.

The Safety Committee has received complaints about the number of dogs and odor across the service road in front of ODF&W. Members present reviewed the complaints and voted to recommend that keeping dogs at work in the lot be discontinued.

A referral about people driving fast on the HMSC Campus by the HMSC Management Committee was discussed. The current speed limit is 15 MPH and it was suggested that speed limit be dropped to 10 MPH. It was also the consensus of the committee that more signs be posted indicating the speed limit. Delivery truck drivers have been noticed going fast on campus. As a result, Randy Walker will contact the Newport Post Master, UPS, Fed X and other's making deliveries to HMSC.

Faith Cole shared the details of the recent Federal, OSHA inspection conducted at the Coastal Branch of EPA on the HMSC Campus. They were informed that plug-in strips are not allowed in their buildings with the exception of surge suppression strips used for computers. Any permanent device plugged into a corded power strip will need to be hard wired. Cole said there were concerns about the railing in the EPA basement. During a start up of the emergency power for the inspector, the battery supplying start up power to the generator blew up. They handled the clean up and procedures well and received no marks off for the incident. As a result of this, it is the recommendation that people consider replacing lead acid batteries with gel style when replacement is needed. ODF&W is currently doing this.

A suggestion for the Safety Committee was made to post on an internal Website accidents and near misses, so that other campus agencies can learn from these lessons.

Walker told about the current status of the NPDES permitting process that is currently out for public review.

Parker brought up his concerns about the condition of the dock and pier condition at HMSC. Walker told the committee that correctly repairing and, or repairing of this facility is of great importance to HMSC / OSU. It is not something that can be handled by Facilities at this time as the cost is too great. HMSC is working on ways to get this project funded and is aware of the problem and seeking solutions.