November 7, 2007 Safety Meeting Minutes

Members present; Randy Walker (OSU,) Dave Johnson (OSU,) Hollis Lundeen (NMFS,) Devin Brakob (FRAM,)

The main topic of discussion was the recent Tsunami Drill held the previous month. The Safety Committee received some criticism for not planning a more realistic drill from several employees. It was suggested that a drill with mock injuries and disaster scenarios would better prepare folks for a real disaster. The Safety Committee agrees that it would be of value to have a drill next year that would train folks to be better prepared for a real earthquake and tsunami.

Walker agreed to speak to the agency leaders at HMSC to find out what level of support they could give to the enhanced drill, as it will require a commitment of employee time and equipment.

It was agreed by Safety Committee that people working on campus be encouraged to take the Citizens Emergency Response Training, offered by the Newport Fire Department. This training is in the evenings and is seven weeks long.

Walker showed a catalog of disaster supplies available through South Beach Safety Supply.

Lundeen told that she had heard responses from folks that next year the drill time should not be announced ahead of time, and air horns could be sounded in and around building to let people know that the drill started.