

HMSC Safety Committee Meeting  
April 9, 2009

Members Present:

Bill Hanshumaker	- OSU/HMSC/Sea Grant
Devin Brakob	- NOAA/NWFSC
Dave Jacobson	- OSU/HMSC/COMES
Dave Johnson	- OSU/HMSC/Maintenance
Randy Walker	- OSU/HMSC/Maintenance
Rick Brown	- NOAA/NWFSC
Hollis Lundeen	- NOAA/NWFSC
Steve Kupillas	- OSU/HMSC/MBP

Meeting began at 09:00

Old Business:

*Emergency evacuations Planning –*

Group talked briefly about equipment for moving injured personnel during an emergency situation such as a tsunami or earthquake. Bill Hanshumaker has done some preliminary research by looking in catalogs. More to follow.

*Dog Signs –*

New “No Dogs” signs posted at both ends of estuary trail. They are larger and clearer. Rick Brown commented on seeing a family approaching the trail with a dog last week and turning around after seeing the new sign at the North Entrance. Committee members agreed that we would try and monitor and report any situations pertaining to effectiveness of the new signs.

*Hallways Cleared –*

Randy Walker and Dave Johnson commented on the recent safety walkthroughs and the fact that all items previously in the hallways deemed as “obstructions” have been moved to new locations or removed from HMSC.

*Lights in FDL –*

Revisited the concern that the lights in the FDL are on timers and there are no light switches on the East entrance. This creates a hazard for anyone that enters the Disease Lab from the east side in the dark. Rick Brown confirmed that diurnal pattern timers are still needed by the researchers. Committee discussed possibilities of muted ground lighting, “red” ceiling lights with switches at entrances and/or flashlights at entrances to utilize for crossing the room. O&M will look at effectiveness of options and report back to committee.

*Diving with NitrOx –*

Bill Hanshumaker informed committee that scuba shop in South Beach is now able to accommodate NitrOx diving therefore agreement with Oregon Coast Aquarium no longer needed.

New Business:

*Repaving project at HMSC -*

O&M talked about the repaving project that will affect the HMSC campus. Project is scheduled for the spring and earliest start time is late May. Roads, throughways and parking lots will be repaved in phases but there will be considerable changes to parking and road access for several weeks once project is started.

*Construction projects at HMSC –*

O&M talked about the numerous construction/renovation projects that will be taking place over the next few months and how they may affect logistics and/or safety on the HMSC campus. Projects discussed were the effluent water treatment system, remodeling of the Ed Wing classrooms, several plumbing projects, replacement of all outer doors, gutter replacement and fixtures replacement.

*LED Lights –*

O&M commented on the fact that HMSC is currently looking into LED lighting for some of the parking areas and surface lights on campus. Drivers to this project include light pollution, environmental sustainability and cost savings. Committee recommended that a small “test” area be evaluated first in regards to any safety concerns of the brighter, more direct LED lights.

No further new business was brought up and the meeting was adjourned at 09:35.

Action Items:

1. Explore evacuation gear for handicapped or injured personnel. (Bill Hanshumaker)
2. Update an emergency phone list and campus building map.
3. Explore getting building numbers for all sides of buildings.
4. Look into options for FDL lab 119 lighting. (O&M)