

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, February 11, 2010

Attending: Steve Kupillas, Randy Walker, Deborah Boylen, Vlada Gertseva, Carol Cole, Hollis Lundeen, Bill Hanshumaker, Rick Brown

Old Business:

Tsunami Awareness: Bill Hanshumaker noted that Pat Corcoran (SeaGrant Extension) did an excellent job with the recent tsunami awareness training, and will repeat his presentation on Friday, March 5th at 1:30 in the Hennings Auditorium.

ODF&W Buildings: Steve Kupillas noted that there has been a delay in planning for the new ODF&W building on the HMSC campus, given its location in a tsunami zone. Staff (shellfish, primarily) has already moved into the rented facility in South Beach, which has been inspected by Fire Marshall Toby Cole.

Parking Lot Lights: Randy Walker said that a second LED light will be installed in the north parking lot. This light will be replace the sodium light currently sharing a pole with the first test LED light, since it was determined it might be easier to compare the effect of the two test lights if they're adjacent.

NOAA Green Grant: Hollis Lundeen submitted the grant, will know if it is awarded March 30, 2010; funds will be applied to greener lighting improvements.

NOAA Chlorine Shed/Permit: In order to properly monitor and stay within compliance with the DEQ permit requirements, OSU and NOAA are installing new software components to monitor the daily requirements of reading of chlorine residual oxidizers. (CRO's)

New Business:

Gate Visibility during Darker Weather/Poor Visibility: Hollis reported that Janet Webster had suggested that we put reflectors on the property gates that are regularly closed. This added visibility would benefit drivers leaving the property during times of minimal visibility.

Signage during Seafood and Wine Festival: A question arose about whether we'd put up "no parking" signs during the Festival. We discussed "no signage" (since people tend to move the sign and park), the same signage, and charging for parking (donation to the Visitor's Center) in the north lot. Randy will follow through with HMSC.

Temporary Solutions/Permanent Problems:

NAL Courtyard: Rick Brown noted the courtyard was becoming a potential "trip hazard" and suggested a plan to explore getting rid of inappropriate fixtures. It was suggested we look at it as a safety issue, and involve each of the units that use the

area. Courtyard users will be meeting in the future to discuss location of seawater and freshwater effluent requiring treatment, and location of tanks requiring treatment. Within this plan we are reviewing how to channel rainwater and surface water into trenches not requiring treatment without creating trip hazards.

Debris near loading dock: It was noted that cardboard packaging materials had been placed just outside the entrance of the East Wing, and had not been removed; also, that that area had become a drop site for long-term placement of items that blocked the walkway, and were also “trip hazards”.

State-Wide Safety Brainstorming Session: Hollis noted Russ Engle from OCCC is hosting a meeting of Safety Managers from various colleges around the state on March 1 at OCCC. She will forward the details.

Hazardous Waste Shed: Deb Boylen noted that Ann Byar will be here next week. Deb (with Rick as her backup) will be responsible for putting items into bulk containers.