

Safety Committee Meeting
09:00 AM Thursday April 08, 2010

Attending: Janet Webster, Dave Jacobson, Deborah Boylen, Dave Johnson, Rick Brown, Valda Gertseva

Old Business:

Safety Hazard - Photovoltaic Array has wires hanging down that could be a hazard. Facilities still working on getting a contractor to address and correct this safety issue.

Parking lot LED light trial - Vendor has provided the fixtures. Maintenance needs to get a lift and weather window to install the lights in the front parking lot to compare them to the current fixture/LED light trial.

New Business:

Campus wide speed limit notice – Janet Webster observed that there are many students here for the spring term and too many are driving too fast on the campus, especially with the number of school groups and Spring break visitors in the front parking lots. Request that George consider sending out another message to slow down and observe the speed limit on campus.

Lab Safety, Small Boat and Field Work Safety Training – Question was raised, do OSU students receive any kind of lab safety training since there will be students in the labs and conducting field work on the campus. Field and small boat safety was also discussed as being very desirable. HMSC is working with OSU to see if a Diving Safety and Small Boat safety position can be created for HMSC. When the NOAA Homeport relocates there should be opportunities for joint training and support of diving and small boat training. NOAA will provide lab safety training this year for the REU's and summer students working in the NOAA buildings.

NOAA Fish Disease Lab- Information for the committee, currently there are experiments with active pathogens in the wet lab portion of the Fish Disease lab. Doors to the lab will be locked and everyone that enters must use foot baths to comply with quarantine requirements. People have gotten accustomed to cutting through the FDL to get from the Hallway to the courtyard.

OSU Chlorine treatment – Facility is close to being operational and ready for ODFW to inspect to begin using as a quarantine system. Only OSU Maintenance will have access to chemicals to limit exposure by anyone else. Concern was expressed over the sight glass piping that could create a leak from the double walled tank if that fixture was broken.

UV System in RSF – the NOAA AFSC UV treatment facility is ready for ODFW to review and approve for use as a quarantine treatment facility in the OA and adjoining laboratories. If this system is accepted and reliable, it will reduce the amount of water that must be chemically treated for quarantine.

NOAA Haz-Mat shed in the Boneyard – to limit access, only authorized personnel have keys to the shed. This is posted on the shed door. Anyone that needs access to the shed will need to contact Deb Boylen. This will improve the inventory control of materials that are placed in the shed and serve as a loss prevention measure so that equipment for handling Haz waste is not removed from the shed without permission.

Next Meeting Thursday May 13th.