

**HMSC Safety Committee  
Minutes  
June 4, 2003**

Present: Dave Johnson, Faith Cole, Bruce McCain, Sean Matson, Melody Pfister, Randy Walker and Pam Rogers

- Facility walk-throughs were done in May in lieu of a regular safety meeting. Most of the items had to do with storage, mostly being up too high, missing shelf lips and not being bolted to the wall.
- The GFCIs have been completed in RSF and NAL.
- The energy conservation contract should be awarded this week.
- We still need the map that shows the back roads to Toledo if both the bridge and southern route 101 were blocked.
- Sean Matson reported that all the flammable materials are now located in the drywall section of the NAL attic, with only glass or metal being outside that area. He will bring tidying up the drywall area up in his next lab meeting.
- Bruce McCain reported that Thea Smith is the new NOAA compliance officer and she will be here June 11 and 12. She will be meeting with Lance Jones of OSU Safety to work on a hazardous waste pick-up. Surplus chemicals should be left where they are and reported to the Physical Plant for removal. Car batteries can be recycled at the landfill for a small fee.
- McCain also reported that the roofers are working on removing the asbestos and roof of NAL and asked people to please follow the safety announcements about closing windows and parking lot closures.
- Randy Walker reported that the paving contract has been signed to fill in potholes, low spots, trenches and the bad RSF corner.
- The elevator in the main building 900 is down and Walker hopes to have a repair person out this week. Both NOAA and OSU need to install anti-egress devices on their respective elevators and hope to work together on that project.
- Walker said that the physical plant shop is getting a welding screen, new grinder guards and is locking out the radial arm saw because too many people are flipping the guards out of the way. The building number signs are to be done in the next two or three weeks and then will be installed per the Fire Department's request.
- Bruce McCain brought up a problem with excessive bleach being used in the Fish Disease Wing without notifying the physical plant so that they could turn on the dechlorinator system. This led to an violation of NOAA-NMFS discharge permit which is currently up for renewal. It was suggested by Dave Johnson that we install an alarm that would announce when the chlorine level exceeded specifications. Randy will look into that.