

The Real March Safety Minutes

March 07, 2007

I apologize for indicating that February's Meeting notes were titled March's. These notes are for March.

Members Present; Randy Walker (HMSC/OSU,) Ford Evans (HMSC/OSU,) Dave Johnson (HMSC/OSU) Hollis Lundeen (NMFS,) Faith Cole (EPA)

Much of the discussion was about the Safety Walk Through that was conducted in laboratories in the NAL building and the RSF building. Laboratories that are occupied by OSU researchers were the focus of discussion during the meeting. HMSC Facilities will have a significant role in eliminating the safety issues that have been brought to light, because of the Safety Walk-through. In the very near future, Randy Walker and Hollis Lundeen will get together and prioritize the issues that need to be addressed. In addition, it was brought to the committee's attention that more education needs to be done with behavioral issue such as, eating and drinking in labs as well as other lab safety issues. Ann Byar, From NMFS, Seattle, and Pete Schoonover from Environmental; Health and Safety, OSU did the walk-through last month. HMSC/ OSU facilities did a Safety-Walk Through of HMSC/OSU spaces last month, as well.

Hazardous waste disposal was a topic covered. There is some concern over the cost of disposal and ways to reduce costs. No solutions were found.