

HMSC Safety Committee

October 08, 2009

Meeting convened at 09:00

Present: Randy Walker, Dave Jacobson, Janet Webster, Ruth DiMaria, Londi Tomaro, Steve Kupillas, Deb Boylen, Rick Brown, Hollis Lundeen, Devin Brakob

Old Business:

Minutes from September 10, 2009 meeting are posted on HMSC website. NOAA Hazmat shed pickup went well. Batteries and Light bulbs will be taken to Portland for recycling soon.

New Business:

Tsunami

Randy Walker briefed the committee on a recent meeting he attended in Portland on Tsunami readiness. There is concern that there has been an increase in the frequency of seismic activity recently which may increase the chance for an event impacting the Oregon Coast. The recent Tsunami event in Samoa reinforced the need for everyone to plan for the potential for a tsunami event. New inundation forecast maps have been developed for our area.

Tsunami drill will be held at 10:00AM Wednesday October 14th. Randy Walker will send out a notice to the HMSC community including evacuation maps.

OSHA Consultation:

Randy Walker briefed the committee on the outcomes of the OSHA consultation held on Tuesday September 15, 2009. There were 3 findings in the shop area; two were because of improper guards on machinery. All findings were corrected. There was a recommendation for additional formal training for O&M personnel which OSU will pursue.

In the near future as part of this OSHA consultation, they will return with an industrial hygienist to review OSU laboratories. NOAA has requested that they also inspect the OSU laboratories in the NOAA buildings. Randy reminded the Committee that proper lab safety protocols must be followed, especially the proper use of PPE in all laboratories. All personnel will be reminded to use appropriate PPE and wear appropriate closed toe footwear.

ODEQ Waste Discharge Permit

HMSC has received the draft ODEQ Waste Discharge Permit for the NAL water treatment facility. This document is out for review and comment by NOAA and OSU researchers. There are many new conditions in the draft permit language.

HMSC Housing

Ruth DiMaria provided Randy Walker a summary of her walk through and findings. There are some steps and railings that need attention.

Meeting concluded at 09:30