

HMSC Safety Committee
9:00 am August 19, 2010

Present:

Randy Walker, Hollis Lundeen, Rick Brown, Katie Marko, Kelly Corbett

Updates:

RW - OSU Chlorine System: The system was certified today by the DEQ.

Ladder on the Pump House Dock: has been installed.

Two new fume hoods in the RFS building. OSU and NOAA coordination of fume hood training, all staff will be dual certified to use both.

Asbestos abatement has begun in the west wing for renovations that will be done.

RB - Incident last week in Puget Sound where a seawater line was switched to go anoxic, gas built up in the pipes and exploded. Fortunately no one was injured but would like to discuss potential for this type of thing happening with our campus system. RW – We use a different diameter pipe which makes this much less likely to occur. We are hosting training for staff that works in confined spaces for scenarios similar to these. HL- the pipes that exploded also looked extremely weathered from exposure to the elements which our pipes are not.

Discussed emergency training opportunities sponsored by the new committee organized by Lincoln County that he is a member on - Local Emergency Planning Committee. Its focus is on hazardous materials and how to keep the community informed on what is used throughout the community and how the materials will be handled in emergencies. The committee is currently trying to coordinate all agencies emergency plans and identify the levels of emergency supplies at each. The Toledo hospital has lots of emergency supplies. Randy indicated campus has its own supplies but in some emergencies there is the possibility that these would be underwater. There will also be training for assisting mobility limited people in emergency situations. He thinks this the training that Bill H. discussed with the group in the past.

HL – Sept 23 NOAA is hosting a campus clean-up day where they will have multiple dumpsters to haul away junk that people want to get rid of. She will be posting flyers to advertise. Also mentioned planning of the Oct tsunami drill was needed. NOAA has installed sharp containers and temporary formalin and ethanol containers. NOAA has amended their custodial contract to later in the evening in response to a slipping incident due to wet floors. The janitors will also be cleaning the floors last to avoid as many people walking on them while they are wet as possible.

KM – reported one field incident involving field staff cutting hand while digging clams. Hazard Risk assessment is coming up and David Burr will be the lead.

KC – reported two field incidents: one involving backing up of a trailer into a personal rig parked in the ODFW lot and another of a sampler back injury from lifting baskets of

fish. Both incidents ODFW is reviewing internally and are not thought to be campus wide safety concerns at this time.

Actions:

RW – will schedule tsunami drill on Oct.13 at 9am.

HL – will post flyers for Clean-up day Sept 23.