

HMSC Safety Committee

November 10, 2011

Present: Rick Brown, Dave Jacobson, Russ Haner, Todd Cross,  
Carol Cole, Janet Webster

1. Evacuation issues:

Carol brought up the problem with downed power lines after an earthquake. She's checked with the PUD and all down lines will be live. The pole on Marine Science Drive will also be live although there shouldn't be many lines exposed. The rule of thumb is to use the distance between poles as a guide to the distance to stay away from live lines. This will be difficult. Janet will alert Maryann to add a warning about power lines to the tsunami evacuation plan.

2. Planning for transition in HMSC/OSU facilities:

Randy's last day is anticipated to the December 14. Rick and Janet are on the search committee. Rick outlined the timing of the search. We really cannot anticipate a new person hired until March or April. George is working on the interim staffing. From the Safety Committee's perspective, we have several concerns about who will be the contact and point person on safety concerns and emergency situations.

- County emergency planning: Rick will continue to attend the quarterly meetings of the county emergency planning group. He gets the regular emails from the county and will pass on relevant items to Maryann. Rick suggests an OSU person should also be on the mailing list in the interim.
- Safety Committee functions: Randy currently chairs the meeting. These need to happen monthly with monthly reports. Carol suggested that Janet chair the group in the interim. Janet will talk to George.
- OSU Facilities safety: Todd pointed out the need for redundancy in contacts in case of an emergency. George will be working on this and Janet will alert him of our concerns.

### 3. Dive Safety and Small Boat Program interviews:

OSU is currently interviewing for a new Dive Safety Officer and Small Boat Program Manager. There is an open session at 9 for each candidate – November 11, 16, 23. The first candidate was here on the 9th. WE had a brief discussion about the importance of better training and monitoring of small boat activity in particular. Rick mentioned the NOAA electronic log system.

### 4. Lab Safety Training and Signage:

Todd asked about lab safety training for the two new facilities employees. Rick is working on setting this up in December or January. We questioned whether the night custodians should get some lab safety training. Carol mentioned that she is waiting for Randy's approval before updating safety signage on some of the labs.

#### Action items:

Janet will alert Maryann to add a warning about power lines to the tsunami evacuation plan.

George needs to appoint an OSU contact for the county emergency planning.

George needs to appoint a chair of the HMSC Safety Committee.

Complete installation of up-to-date signage on OSU labs.

#### Future agenda items:

Basic lab safety training for custodians

Monitor what happens for DSO/Small Boat Program hiring.