

## LABORATORY SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 12, 2013

**TO:** All Laboratory Personnel

**FROM:** John Park, Laboratory Safety Committee

**SUBJECT:** August 12, 2013 Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

**Participants:** Edith Henderson, Joe Jurgevich, Heather Morgan, Max Overman, John Park, Mark Starr,

### Quarterly Safety Inspection:

John mentioned that a safety inspection of the lab building is due in September. John and Max will conduct the inspection.

### Drench Hoses:

New drench hoses were installed at four safety showers in the lab over the weekend of August 10 and 11. The existing drench hoses were no longer functioning well or had begun to leak, and therefore required replacement. The safety showers with the new drench hoses are the 2 showers in the west hallway (near Microbiology and Metals), 1 shower in Wet Chemistry (G066), and the shower in Semi-Volatiles (G059).

Joe asked about the possibility of having stand-alone eyewash stations installed in the lab, perhaps one at each end of the main hallway. The main challenge would be plumbing, but it is worth considering.

### Chemical Hygiene Plan:

The Laboratory CHP is being reviewed and revised by John, Chris, and Max. By October, a draft document should be ready for committee members to review (on a volunteer basis). The goal is to have the revisions completed by October, and have final approval of the 2013 CHP by late October or November. Max will be incorporating a new worksheet and updated guidance for fume hood assessments into the CHP.

**A reminder to safety committee members:** checks of the safety devices for each lab unit should be conducted and documented on a monthly basis. This includes eyewashes and drench hoses, safety showers, fire extinguishers, and smoke detectors. For fume hoods, please check each hood every three months with the velometer (located in John's office).

- The next safety committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 9, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. Minutes were prepared by Max Overman and John Park on August 12, 2013. MO/JP