

## LABORATORY SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 12, 2011

**TO:** All Laboratory Personnel

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

**SUBJECT:** July 11, 2011 Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

**Participants:** Anne Chandler, Edith Henderson, Joe Jurgevich, Max Overman, John Park, Mark Starr

Lab Safety Audit: The quarterly safety audit of the laboratory and certification buildings was conducted by Anne, John, and Max on June 30 and July 1. The only significant finding that required corrective action was that access to the sprinkler riser control was blocked (this has been corrected). There were other minor findings that were included in the comments of the audit report. A copy of the audit report will be posted on the bulletin board near the break room, and the audit report was also submitted to Steve Kaasa.

Neutralization Tank: Max reported that the lab has received approval to replace the limestone for the neutralization tank. Water from sinks and drains in the lab building pass through this tank prior to entering the city sewage line. Replacement of the limestone will likely be scheduled for July or August, and will be done on a weekend. There should be minimal disruption to laboratory operations.

ECD's: Anne discussed what is involved in shipping an ECD (electron capture device) to a manufacturer. The ECD's contain low-level radiation; therefore, there are special requirements for shipping them, as well as for disposal. Through the process of shipping an ECD, Anne garnered more information about companies that may be able to help the lab in removing old ECD's for disposal/recycling.

CHP: Work continues on the 2011 revision of the Laboratory's Chemical Hygiene Plan. Committee members will submit their comments/revisions at the August safety meeting.

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, safety showers, fire extinguishers, and smoke detectors. For safety hoods, please check every three months with the velometer (located in John's office).

The next safety committee meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. Minutes were prepared by Max Overman and John Park on July 11, 2011. MO/JP