

LABORATORY SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 15, 2008

TO: All Laboratory Personnel

FROM: John Park, Chairman, Laboratory Safety Committee

SUBJECT: October 13, 2008

Participants: John Park, Ray Kelling, Max Overman, Jeanne Carter
Beth Swanson, Joe Jurgevich, Heather Parker, Peggy Campbell

It was reiterated that there will be a mid-November safety inspection of the lab. The inspections are made quarterly.

It was pointed out that the problem with the oxygen sensor in Metals was having a problem because it needs a new fuel cell so that has been ordered by Joy Goodwin.

There was some discussion about a large snake that was outside the lab. It was identified as a black rat snake and they are State protected from being harmed.

John gave an FYI about the velocity of extraction hoods. The velocity is to be checked every three months. <don't know how to mention about the ether talk and something about 75% feet per minute> ??

It was brought up that there are some fluorescent lights in the penthouse one of which was broken. There were several just laying around and it was suggested that instead they be taken outside, possibly to be stored in one of the sheds to be stored because of the mercury. Then at some point in time, they are taken downtown to a collection center.

New belts have been put on all the hoods. It was asked for someone in Wet Chemistry to check the flow since the belts are new and report any problems. The belts are replaced semi-annually, usually before winter sets in and then again around spring.

It was noted that when we have the next testing of the fire alarm, it will be the real thing. Everyone in the lab will be expected to evacuate the building. It was been quite a while since we have had one so that time will be coming up in the not-too-distant future.

A request was mentioned for purchasing arthritic gloves for one of the employees. Someone will be looking through catalogs to find and purchase these for the particular employee requesting them.

The next safety committee meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Minutes were prepared by Jeanne Carter on October 15, 2008.

MO/jc

max ~ i'm SURE these need some polishing up! :o) :o)

