

LABORATORY SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 20, 2009

TO: All Laboratory Personnel

FROM: John Park, Laboratory Safety Committee

SUBJECT: July 13, 2009 Safety Committee Meeting

Participants: John Park, Max Overman, Ray Kelling, Jeanne Carter, Peggy Campbell,
Angela Dexter, Joe Jurgevich

Each committee member discussed any changes that they recommended for their assigned sections of the laboratory's Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP). Revisions were given to John, who will incorporate the changes, and hopefully the 2009 revision of the CHP will be ready for review in August. Once the CHP revisions are reviewed, the CHP will be submitted to Steve Kaasa for his final review.

John has put together a list of each unit's chemicals that may be considered as particularly hazardous substances. John plans to submit these lists to Steve Kaasa so that he can provide further guidance on exactly how to determine which chemicals should be on the list and whether the list will be part of the CHP or maintained separately.

Ray strongly encouraged people at the lab to take CPR and First Aid training classes in the future. He emphasized that from year to year, CPR procedures change. CPR procedures have been simplified in recent years, and it would be very beneficial for as many employees as possible to take CPR/first aid training.

Peggy mentioned that a new smoke detector was needed in the Pesticides unit. Ray will check the detector, and if necessary take care of obtaining a replacement.

Max noted that there are three eye/body washes that may need to be replaced. One is at the sink in the receiving room (corrosion), the second is in the hallway near metals (screen has been repeatedly clogged when inspected each month), and the third is in Nutrients (after monthly check, water drips from outlet).

The next safety committee meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. Minutes were prepared by Max Overman and Jeanne Carter on July 20, 2009.

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