LABORATORY SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2008

TO: All Laboratory Personnel

FROM: John Park, Chairman, Laboratory Safety Committee

SUBJECT: March 3, 2008 Safety Committee Meeting

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

The results from our extraction monitoring have been received and exposure to Methylene Chloride, n-Hexane and Acetone for the individuals involved and the general extractions area showed to be very minimal. The highest value was from Methylene Chloride and the individual had ten times less than the OSHA permissible exposure limit. We will perform future monitoring if there are any changes in the extraction procedures.

The Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) revisions are underway as sections of the CHP were divided up among unit representatives. The section concerning particularly hazardous substances will be revised by all unit representatives in conjunction with members in their unit in an attempt to create a list of substances that fall in this category. These substances would require extra caution when handling and the purpose of the list is to provide awareness to our employees but not to create liability issues. Steve Kaasa has requested we attempt this and he will be here at the lab Monday, March 24th at 9:30am to assist in our listings and help develop a definition for particularly hazardous substances.

We will be performing a safety audit/inspection for our lab in the near future and will be handing out inspection forms to supervisors along with a copy of last year's results.

The next safety committee meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Minutes were prepared by Jeanne Carter on March 10, 2008.

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