

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 26, 2012
1:30 – 2:30 PM
Library Room, L-201

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Terry Cleveland, Director of Risk Management & Environmental Health.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Terry Cleveland, Judy Cabán, Steve Lose, Daniel Owens, Deputy Ray Murgatroyd, Dr. Louis Lucero, Jerry Lewis, Joseph Esdin, Rick Motawakel, and Rieana Paul.

ABSENT: Doug Jensen.

GUEST: Iesha Merriweather

A. WELCOME: Terry Cleveland welcomed the committee and new members. He thanked the committee for their enthusiasm and support. The new members are: Joseph Esdin & Rick Motawakel (representing the Academic Senate) and Rieana Paul (ASO representative).

B. APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes of April 18, 2012 were approved. Daniel Owens moved to approve the minutes – seconded by Jerry Lewis. Joseph Esdin abstained. He did not attend the meeting as the Academic Senate agreed to have their previous representative, Susan Snyder, finish out the Spring 2012 Semester with the Safety Committee.

C. Old Business

1) Discussion: Idea to Install Yellow Strobe Lights on Utility Carts

- Strobe light brackets for the carts with ladder racks have been fabricated, painted, and installed. The lights have also been installed in the brackets to complete this project as these were the remaining carts that had not yet been provided with the strobe lights.



File closed.

2) Discussion: Possibility of Crosswalk Between APL Building and Parking Lot 11

- The final traffic study report with recommendations was received by Doug Jensen. The report includes the recommendation to add crosswalks at locations on the north and south sides of the “Entrance H” entry road between Parking Lots 11 and 12. These recommended crosswalks are to the immediate northeast of the APL Building and one crosses the road between the APL Building and Parking Lot 11.

File closed.

3) Discussion: Task Force to Develop a Consistent Process by Which to Investigate Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Complaints

The scope and parameters of the task force were to devise a procedure that addresses the investigation of unknown causes of indoor air quality complaints rather than simply addressing reports of visible mold growth or other tangible items that are readily verifiable and that can be successfully dealt with relatively quickly. The desired end result of any given indoor air quality complaint investigation will be the identification and eradication or removal of the offending agent(s).

However, in rare cases, the temporary or permanent removal of the affected individual(s) from the offending environment may be warranted. Members of the Task Force are: Pete Soos; Daniel Owens; Terry Cleveland & Dr. Louis Lucero.

- The Task Force completed its work and, as a result, AVC now has the following to use in the investigation of each Indoor Air Quality complaint: 1) A checklist with consistent questions for an Investigator to ask the Complainant about the complaint; 2) A checklist with consistent questions for the Investigator to ask himself/herself regarding the complaint; 3) A flowchart depicting the process of the investigation from start to finish; 4) A list of vendors that AVC can try out for future IAQ problems that must be outsourced for solution.

File closed.

D. New Business

Discussion: **Review of Workers' Compensation Claims & Periodic Safety Inspections**

a. **There were 10 accidents since the last Safety Committee Meeting on April 18, 2012: Four first aid, three medical, and three lost time:**

Accidents with dates of injury since our previous Safety Committee Meeting on April 18, 2012.

- 9/17/2012 Respiratory system – Student Worker exposed to unknown chemical fumes causing nausea, dizziness, & headache.
9/17/2012 Respiratory system – Chem Lab Tech. exposed to unknown chemical fumes causing nausea, dizziness, & headache.
Regarding these 2 alleged exposure incidents of 9/17/2012 in the Health & Science Building, the LA County Fire Department Hazardous Materials Response Team based in the Antelope Valley and the LA County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division based in Los Angeles arrived at the Health & Sciences Building as a result of these alleged exposures to toxic fumes by a Laboratory Technician and a Student Worker in the Chemistry Lab Storage/Preparation Area. Note: No hazardous fumes were detected by any of the sophisticated instrumentation operated by either of the LA County Fire Department specialized units nor were they detected by the 3 AVC personnel consisting of 1HVAC Lead Person, 1 Biology Lab Technician, and 1 Physics Lab Technician who were on-scene shortly after the initial complaint of odor detection by the 2 employees. Several other AVC management personnel and Klassen Construction Company personnel also spent numerous hours on-scene over this incident and no tangible evidence of the exposures could be found.
- 9/6/2012 Back & right leg – Nursing Instructor noticed back and right leg pain in class with no known cause.
7/31/2012 Whole body – Grounds Worker performing computer duties from sitting position in sun suffered heat exhaustion.
7/5/2012 Left hand – Computer Lab Tech. noted bruise and swelling after pushing 2 assailants away from student worker.
7/5/2012 Face/scalp/neck – Student Worker hit by a stapler that was thrown at her by another student and then beat with it.
6/6/2012 Right second toe – A piece of metal fell onto Campus Events Utility Worker's right second toe.
5/17/2012 Left index finger – While Student Nurse was using R hand to give injection, the patient knocked needle into finger.
5/4/2012 Airway & lungs – Student Nurse may have been exposed to TB while giving breathing treatment to infant.
4/20/2012 Lower back & groin – Skilled Maintenance Worker believes he injured lower back & groin when lifting concrete.

Year to Date accident statistics for 2012

7 First aid
5 Medical
4 Lost time
Total 16

- b. Reported Trends: No reported trends since the last meeting.
- c. Review of results of June 1, 2012 scheduled periodic safety inspections. Areas inspected since last Safety Committee Meeting on April 18, 2012 were as follows:

- ▶ FA1 – Fine Arts Gallery; FA2 – Fine Arts Theater; FA3 – Fine Arts Music.
- ▶ PAT - Performing Arts Theater inspected April 24, 2012 & June 1, 2012.
- ▶ OF1 Offices (Math/Science) & OF3 Offices (Language Arts & Social Science).
- ▶ SC2 – Science Labs Bldg. & SC3 – Science Labs Bldg.
- ▶ SCT – Student Center Bookstore, Cafeteria, Security and Lost & Found.

- ▶ SSV – Student Services and Information.
- ▶ Foxfield – Administrative Office; Classroom; Demonstration Hangar.
- ▶ Palmdale Center – 3rd floor classrooms.

Items noted that needed correction

- ◆ Extension cords energized without an attached load.
- ◆ Extension cords being used as permanent wiring.
- ◆ Extension cords across paths of travel presenting tripping hazards and unprotected from damage.
- ◆ Sinks clogged by ceramics products.
- ◆ Unlabeled 55 gallon drums (filled with grease).
- ◆ Wooden pallets and dumpsters stored too close to the building.
- ◆ Corner of metal door vent not secured to door and protruding into hallway (SSV-126).
- ◆ Design-created tripping/falling hazards.

E. Open Discussion

All

Discussion:

- The results of the periodic safety inspections are distributed to the affected areas and should serve to educate personnel in those areas on extension cord safety, container labeling, and other items noted that need correction.
- Emergency Alarm Activations in Health & Sciences Bldg. - The alarms were activated for 2 separate events on the same date: The odor of gas in a Chemistry Lab on August 23rd resulted in students being relocated to another area of the same floor of the H&S Building and the gas to the Lab was shut off until repairs could be made by Klassen Construction Company on August 24th. A separate event later in the afternoon of August 23rd occurred when an autoclave that had finished its sterilization cycle was opened and the hot gas (steam) billowed up to the ceiling and contacted a sensor which set off the building alarm. Klassen Construction Company will replace the particulate sensors now in place above the autoclaves with high-temperature sensors in order to preclude nuisance alarms from sounding whenever a hot autoclave is opened.

Additional Information & Adjournment

APPROVAL TO ADJOURN MEETING: Jerry Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting – seconded by Dr. Louis Lucero. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Next scheduled meetings: November 28, 2012 (1:30 – 2:30 pm)
 February 27, 2013 (1:30 – 2:30 pm)
 April 24, 2013 (1:30 – 2:30 pm)

Note takers: J. Caban
 T. Cleveland