

Science Safety Committee Minutes
February 25, 2005
9:00-11:00 a.m.
RVS 2257

In Attendance: Debbie Sackett, A. L. Mackey, Sarah Strong, Bob Blodgett, Charles Freeman

Waste gasoline at NRG: Debbie caught Mac up to date on the situation where gasoline was stored in the fume hood at NRG. Sarah said she would send appropriate documentation to Mac.

ADA and Safety: Debbie gave a very preliminary report concerning a visually impaired student in an organic lab at RGC, who may have indirectly contributed to another student's injury. The committee discussed issues/concerns about students with disabilities in the lab setting. The committee decided to carry on discussions in future meetings.

NRG 2000 fire alarm: Bob relayed an incident where one day during the week, the fire alarm went off in building 2000 at NRG. Everyone evacuated smoothly, however, no administrator-in-charge came out. A police officer eventually came out and gave the "all clear". He had been summoned by a custodial employee. The police officer was on break, and not in the office to hear the alarm. A number of questions were raised about this issue. For example, what is being done to train the second-in-command folks? Did central dispatch hear the alarm, and what did they do? Bob will report his findings at the next meeting.

We also discussed what progress was being made with respect to the training of evening personnel.

Safety statement: Written with the intent to have it entered into the master syllabus for the math/science department at minimum. Debbie will carry the statement onto the EHS TF for consideration for the college wide master syllabus. See below.

Emergency phones: Reminder that Sarah was going to get labels for the phones that said "EMERGENCY ONLY" and a list of number to call.

EHS tasks: We all generally agreed that a list of EHS-related activities in the various departmental Faculty Handbooks would be a good idea.

Student/Instructor Preparation: Charles asked how we might handle situations where students, and less often, faculty, seem to be unprepared for lab. The committee is taking this topic under advisement.

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(EHS), and Insurance Office. As a student at ACC, you must comply with EHS rules, regulations and procedures which include

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- Abide by safe practices and procedures
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- Adhere to all local, state, and federal EHS regulations
- Comply with emergency evacuation procedures

shorter version (suggested by Bob, and up for review in our next meeting)

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