

Stanley Hall Safety Committee Agenda

11:00 am -12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Room 177 Stanley Hall

(Note: published agenda in black, meeting notes in green; attendance records are in Committee Chair Thom Opal's office 174E Stanley Hall)

1. New Campus Policy: No Food or Drink in Labs *Thom Opal; 10 min.*
 - Basic policy: no food in hazardous materials labs
 - Coffee, water, gum, and makeup, as well as food, excluded from hazmat areas
 - Exceptions for clearly designated "clean" areas that are taped-off and posted, as per policy; call EH&S (642-3073) for these supplies
2. Fire and Life Safety - Building Inspection Results *Thom Opal; 10 min.*
 - Deputy Fire Marshal Daryl Shy inspected every room of Stanley Hall
 - Fire Marshal's Office inspects: 1) engineered building systems, such as fire sprinklers, stand-pipes, automated smoke control, fire doors, and fire extinguishers, and 2) safe practices of occupants, such as housekeeping/clutter, keeping hallways clear, maintaining 18" clearance for fire sprinklers, no permanent-use extension cords, proper storage of chemicals
 - *Thom's findings: chemicals in smaller rooms (cold rooms, tissue culture rooms, etc.) that are not on chemical inventory - especially compressed gas cylinders! Thom will be contacting labs to correct findings.*
3. Safety Coordinator Announcements *Thom Opal; 10 min.*
 - City of Berkeley "CUPA" Inspections this week
Inspection focuses on hazardous chemical storage, handling & disposal, and environmental release prevention. Two minor findings emerged:
1. More labs need to use "unwanted hazardous materials tags" (provided for free by EH&S; ask Thom for more any time) ; 2. Labs need to perform monthly eyewash inspections and document them on inspection tags
 - Chemical Inventories: annual submittal due for many QB3 labs
Chemical inventories must be updated at least annually, or 30 days from significant change. Labs are responsible to maintain records. Contact EH&S for database access (Russ Blackmar: blackmar@berkeley.edu; 643-8187).
Contact Thom for hazardous materials door sign (sign with chemical hazard symbols, outside chemical storage/use area).
 - Annual Office Self-Inspection (handout)
Documented annual safety self-inspection of *all* workspaces is required by Cal/OSHA. Fill out form as written record, retain in work-group's records for at least one year, contact PI and/or Thom for assistance in addressing findings
 - Building Evacuation Team (BET): 4/17 alarm event (burning corn dog) fulfilled fire drill requirement for this year

- Building Evacuations: No remaining behind in alarm

For 4/17 event, a firefighter asked a researcher who remained in the building during the alarm: “what’s more important –your experiment or your life?” Risking your life in a fire alarm means also risking the life of a fire fighter – it is not a personal decision. Everyone must exit during alarm.

- Hazardous Materials Shipping (dry ice) and Transport (liquid nitrogen) Safety Training

Training needs poll results: 89 people ship dry ice (without other hazardous materials, and an additional 12 ship other hazardous materials on dry. 47 people may transport liquid nitrogen off-campus. EH&S is developing applicable trainings:

Shipping: General Awareness Training ~ 30-40 min., dry ice ~ 30 min. more. For shipping category A biohazardous materials, first review with the Campus/EH&S Biosafety Officer (Bob Hashimoto bso@berkeley.edu; 643-6562), and attend a 2-3 hr. training. Or have EH&S Hazmat Shipping Specialist (Charles Borromeo cborromeo@berkeley.edu; 642-0117) assist. Look for a checklist resource on the EH&S Web site soon.

Liquid Nitrogen Transportation: ~ 30 min. training session expected

- Emergency Eyewash/Shower Stations: marking out to keep clear Thom will be visiting your labs to demarcate a clear area around the wall units: a sticker will go on the floor, striped tape can outline the area, and labels will identify shower and eyewash handles.

4. Incidents, Concerns, and Corrective Measures *All Attendees; 10 min.*

None brought up.

5. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (11-12 Wednesday, 9/10/08, room 177) *All Attendees; 5 min.*

- Suggestion to set up an “ergonomically correct” workstation at the next Safety Committee meeting, and go over some key points of computer workstation ergonomics.
- Request, on behalf of non-hazmat labs, to move all generally-applicable topics to beginning of meeting, and have hazmat-specific items later.

Handouts:

- Annual Office Safety Self-Inspection forms
- UC Berkeley Policy: Food in Laboratories
- Unwanted Hazardous Materials Tags