

Environmental/Laboratory Safety Committee Meeting
Monday February 9, 2009

Present: A. Acott, K. Baines, G. Barbe, P. Charpentier, J. Dickey, G. Kidder, R. Maslen, A. M. McCusker, G. Qubty, S. Siu, J. Stanley

Guest: Dr. S. Siu from Staff/Faculty Health Services.

- 1.0 Membership Changes: None
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda.
- 3.0 Approval of October 27th minutes. Motion to approve by R. Maslen. Seconded by P. Charpentier. All in favour. Minutes approved.
- 4.0 New Business**
 - 4.1 S. Siu discussed medical surveillance around work with nanotechnology. The University needs a Medical Surveillance Program for employees working with nanoparticles but the question is what to screen for? There is no standard to follow as of now.

S. Siu suggested current workers should undergo basic medical tests: baseline lung function test, history of employee, hazards in the lab, and a chest X-ray (voluntary).
- 5.0 Business Arising**
 - 5.1 A. M. McCusker updated the committee on the Nanotechnology Assessing and Managing Risk assessments. She has conducted 6-7 assessments and the form seems to be working well so far. The most common potential for exposure has been transferring nano materials between processes.
 - 5.2 A. M. McCusker distributed graphs updating the committee on the Lab Safety Program. It appears that ~80% of labs are in full compliance and the distribution of inspection findings has stayed relatively equal from 2005 – 2008.
- 5 There was no other business.
- 7.0 Motion to adjourn by J. Dickey. Seconded by R. Maslen. All in favour. Adjourned.