

# Environmental and Laboratory Safety Committee Meeting

## Minutes of Wednesday, June 24, 2009

2:00 to 2:30 PM, SSB 4190

Present: K. Baines, G. Barbe, P. Charpentier, J. Dickey, K. Galil, G. Kidder, R. Maslen, A.M. McCusker, J. O'Brien, S. Siu, J. Stanley.

Regrets: S. Mitter, G. Qubty

Recorder: F. Lee

Guest: R. Williamson.

### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

Motion to Approve: J. Dickey

### **2.0 Approval of February 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes.**

Motion to Approve: P. Charpentier

Seconded by: K. Galil

Meeting Approved

### **3.0 New Business**

#### **3.1 Receipt of Toxic Chemicals**

R. Williamson, Financial Services, updated the committee on the documentation that is required by suppliers of toxic chemicals. Who should sign and the management of the documentation was discussed.

The committee suggested that awareness should be raised regarding procedures of these substances. During inspections, workers should be asked a question related to these chemicals and awareness should be incorporated in the lab safety training.

J. O'Brien, A.M. McCusker, and R. Williamson to discuss further.

#### **3.2 New Substances Regulation**

A.M. McCusker updated the committee on the New Substances Notification Regulation (Chemicals and Polymer). This now applies to new nanomaterials.

#### **3.3 New Buildings / Laboratories**

A.M. McCusker updated the committee on the new buildings that have labs:

ICFAR. Current concern is that safety showers have not been installed

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Green Building is now open and researchers are moving in.

Advanced Facility for Avian Research: No issue from lab safety point of view

#### **4.0 Business Arising**

##### **4.1 Nanotechnology Update IRRSST (Best Practice)**

A.M. McCusker reported that the IRRST document - Best Practices Guide to Synthetic Nanoparticle Risk Management complements the model we are following for risk assessments.

Information regarding the use of nanomaterials is now being recorded on the self assessment checklist.

##### **4.2 Lab Safety**

A.M. McCusker updated the committee on the results of inspections.

#### **5.0 Other Business**

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A person with respiratory symptoms possibly from nanomaterial exposure has been reported.

The committee suggests that reinspection be conducted and if improvements are not made action may be taken by the committee.

#### **6.0 Adjournment**

Motion to Approve: J. Dickey  
Meeting Adjourned

Seconded by: R. Maslen