

The University of Western Ontario  
Radiation Safety Committee Meeting

Minutes of Thursday, June 26th, 2008

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Room 292 Stevenson Lawson Building

**Attendance:** Dr. Gerald Kidder, Dr. Stanley Dunn, Dr. Elizabeth Hampson, Dr. Peter Chidiac, Michael Mosley, Hoa Ly, Valerie Smith, Dr. Lars Konerman, Dr. Michelle Mottola, Dr. Roberta Flemming.

**Regrets:** George Qubty, Dr. Peter Simpson, Wilbert Logan, Dr. Clara Wren, Tony Hammoud, Dr. Brock Fenton, Ron Noseworthy.

**1.0 Approval of Minutes from March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008**

**Motion:** M. Mottola P. Chidiac

All in favour.

Minutes approved.

**2.0 Business from Previous Meeting**

**2.1 Radiation Sources of Gamma Irradiators**

H. Ly distributed the present radioactivity of gamma irradiators on campus.

**2.2 Amendment of Terms of Reference**

Changes to the Terms of Reference were distributed to the committee for review.

Discussion of the changes followed.

**2.3 Voting on Amendment of Terms of Reference**

**Motion to accept changes:** L. Konerman R. Flemming

All in favour.

Terms of Reference approved.

**3.0 New Business**

**3.1 Incident Report**

H. Ly reported to an incident that occurred in April 2008: A radioactive package was opened by a trained user and there was not stock vial in the primary container. H. Ly and departmental safety manager investigated and contacted the vendor. The vendor found a discrepancy in their packaging and the stock vial was never put into the primary container. H. Ly reported this incident to the CNSC. All permit holders and users were reminded to check the stock vial in the primary container before put it away for storage.

**3.2 Update on CNSC regulations**

Anyone servicing of radiation devices including installation, repair, or dismantling is required to hold a CNSC licence. H. Ly will be working with the permit holders to have a list of servicing companies to ensure compliance.

### **3.3 Update on Radiation, X-ray and Laser Safety Programs**

Decommissioning of nuclear substance rooms in B&G building has completed for phase-3 construction.

Ministry of Labour (MOL) asked for a list of class 3B and 4 lasers on campus. H. Ly has satisfied the MOL request.

All laser permits have been renewed for another 5 years ending May 31, 2013.

### **4.0 Other Business**

#### **4.1 Laser Safety Training**

This training is currently done online. It was suggested that there be an in-class component to allow people to ask questions about the material. In-class training sessions will be offered in September and May. Users will be required to complete the online training as a pre-requisite to the in-class presentation.

### **5.0 Adjournment**

**Motion:** L. Konerman S. Dunn

All in favour.

Adjourned at 1:55pm.