

**The University of Western Ontario
Radiation Safety Committee Meeting**

Minutes of Monday, March 3, 2008

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Room 292 Stevenson Lawson Building

Present: Dr. Gerald Kidder, George Qubty, Dr. Stanley Dunn, Dr. Peter Chidiac, Dr. Peter Simpson, Mike Mosley, Hoa Ly, Valerie Smith, Dr. Lars Konerman, Dr. Michelle Mottola, Ron Noseworthy, Sarah Warnock

Regrets: Dr. Elizabeth Hampson, Wilbert Logan, Dr. Clara Wren, Tony Hammoud, Dr. Brock Fenton, Roberta Flemming

1. Approved of Minutes of October 29, 2007

Motion: S. Dunn M. Mottola
All in favour
Minutes approved

2. Business from Previous Meeting

2.1 Gamma Irradiators (G. Kidder & H. Ly)

Gamma irradiator in MBL has been proposed to be decommissioned and due to the upcoming renovation. The cost of decommissioning is about \$122,000. There are two other gamma irradiators on campus – one in Robarts under Dr. Hess's permit and one in Chemistry under Dr. Wren's permit. H. Ly will report the radioactivity of sources to the Committee at the next meeting.

3. New Business

3.1 Internal Inspection Reports (H. Ly)

H. Ly distributed graphs summarizing the 2007 internal inspections on campus. Radiation, X-ray and laser deficiencies decreased in most areas from 2006.

- 93% of radiation permits meet or exceed the radiation safety requirements.
- 100% of X-ray permits meet the X-ray safety requirements.
- 95% of laser permits meet or exceed the laser safety requirements.

Also, numbers of radiation, X-ray and laser permits are increased largely due to the integration of Robarts.

3.2 CNSC Inspection Reports (H. Ly)

The CNSC inspectors performed their routine inspection at 16 licensed buildings on campus on January 28, 29 and 30, 2008. Almost all buildings achieved 100% compliance. There were only two minor issues observed at Robarts Research Institute during the inspection and they have been corrected.

3.3 Specific Training Documentation (V. Smith & H. Ly)

Supervisors are required to document any specific topic, equipment or procedure training provided to workers in addition to the general safety training sessions offered through OH&S. A specific training record form is distributed right after the general safety training sessions and is also available on the Human Resources website. The word “procedure” is also added to the specific training record form as suggested by the Committee.

3.4 Update on Radiation, X-ray and Laser Safety Programs (H. Ly)

- Decommissioning of radiation rooms in B&G are in progress due to the phase 3 renovation.
- Biotron and Staging buildings have been added to the UWO consolidated licence issued by the CNSC.
- Annual compliance report of the consolidated licence has been submitted to the CNSC including the total possession of all nuclear substances and radiation devices on a specific date without any problems or issues.

3.5 Health and Safety Recognition Awards (V. Smith & S. Warnock)

Nominations for the 2007 President’s Occupational Health and Safety awards are being accepted. The deadline to submit a nomination is March 26, 2008. The winners will be acknowledged at the President’s Safety luncheon on April 28, 2008.

3.6 Terms of Reference (V. Smith & H. Ly)

The amendment of terms of reference is distributed to Committee. It will go to the University Health and Safety Committee for approval.

Action: The Committee is asked to review the amendment of terms of reference to be approved at the next meeting.

4.0 Other Business

None

5.0 Closing

Motion: P. Simpson Second: S. Dunn

All in favour

Adjourned at 11:46 a.m.