

FALL 1999

EHS DIRECTOR'S ROUNDTABLE — TOPICS FOR AGENDA

- 1) **New Incidents, Accidents, Citations or Fines** — Discuss any new accidents, fines, or regulatory initiatives that have occurred since our last Director's Roundtable at our institutions or at others (i.e. FAA inspection at two institutions in Omaha, Nebraska; SPCC violations at Penn. schools, EPA Hdqtrs. considering focus on universities for RCRA compliance).
- 2) **N.C. State's Self- Audit Program (David Ranier)**— Overview of NC State's recently launched program and initial results. Has this been helpful in "selling the EHS message" and reinforcing Principal Investigators role and responsibilities as well as EHS role to facilitate compliance?? Also, discuss EPA self- audit issues.
- 3) **Web Based Training Update** — Discuss status of UAB's BBP; Vandy's Radiation Safety; LS&EM/ SIU efforts in area of web based training and interest in "Rounder" institutions working together on templates that can be shared
- 4) **Update on Gene Therapy/ Infection Control Workshop at UK (Harry Enoch)**— CDC, NIH, FDA officials attended the workshop at UK in mid October and as a result many of the questions regarding appropriate safety measures are being fleshed out.
- 5) **Mercury Contamination in Sewer Discharges**— Experiences at institutions, identification of sources, compliance issues.
- 6) **Private Business Research Start Up Companies on Campus**— Any developments on compliance approaches for multi-employer work site; charging profit centers for EHS services since out last meeting?
- 6) **Biosafety Developments**— 4th Edition of Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Labs released summer of '99 with complete new sections. What if anything are institutions doing to raise awareness of researchers about BMBL? CDC proposed rule on packaging and handling of infectious substances and select agents 10/28/99—has anyone looked at this yet? Planning efforts at institutions for bioterrorism incidents? Possibility of jointly sponsoring one day infectious substance transportation training for "Rounder" institutions.
- 8) **EHS/ ROUNDER's Web Site Updates** — Discuss any new information, forms, applications that have added to your web site, etc that have been well received by university community or made EHS staff/services more efficient. **NOTE: In order to flesh out the EHS Directors Roundtable web site, we must have the forms that Judy will distribute at registration completed. Also, what other things could be added that would be of value to the group? P.S.—Completed forms are your admission to the social hour/open bar!!! That was Harry's idea...**

- 9) **Emergency Planning** – FEMA Disaster Resistant Universities Initiative overview
possibility of applying for money to produce video on laboratory disasters (similar
in tone to FEMA’s new fire in dorms and fraternities video). Also, status of
institutional efforts in emergency planning? Any models to follow?
- 10) **IACUC Needs/ AAALAC Demands** – EHS involvement in AAALAC inspection
visit; EHS involvement in animal protocol review and approval when biohazards are
involved? ; training programs?; anesthetic gas monitoring?; other issues?
- 11) **Miscellaneous Topics--** Any success stories through the use of the CSHEMA
benchmarking service? Policies on sending people home for nuisance type odors?
Requirements for emergency power to fume hoods? Future speaker at March 2000
EHS Roundtable meeting – i.e. Robert Morris of Configuration Management
Consultants on fume hood design/ performance (at CSHEMA in’99)?