

Fall 2001 EHS Director's Roundtable-- Tentative Agenda Topics

1) Terrorism Preparedness and Recent Responses

2) Developments on Possible Biological Agent Legislation -- Dr. Ronald Atlas, President-Elect American Society for Microbiology

3) C& U Association's EPA Engagement Initiative and White Paper Update (Also, HHMI Best Practices Project update)-- Peter Schneider, BU and CSHEMA Gov. Relations Chair

4) Regulatory Development Updates and Recent Inspections

5) New Incidents, Accidents, Fines, or Identification of Exposures -- "show and tell"

6) New Technology Applications and Use of On-Line Forms to Promote Efficiency-- PDA's; Web cams for net meetings; Genentech's biohazard on-line survey/ Oracle database; use of game show software for development of interactive refresher training (Univ. of Arizona)

7) Best Management Practices/ Development of EHS Accreditation Program-- Peter Reinhardt, UNC

8) Approaches to DOT/IATA/UN Compliance and Training

9) Biosafety/Gene Therapy Issues and Updates-- IBC Policy Conference in December; registration and review process; interaction with other research related committees

10) IAQ/ Mold Investigations-- any interesting ones to share??

11) New Research Laboratory Buildings -- any successes in getting additional EHS staff based on square footage; any experiences with open lab concept (UK planning new building with one lab per floor)

12) Research Compliance Integrity Initiatives on Campus-- possible vehicle to elevate visibility of EHS

13) Administrative Developments/Issues-- responses to budget cuts/ establishing minimum EHS requirements and priorities; position retention/recruitment

14) New Policies Promoting Management of Liability and Risk—private business startup/R&D labs in university buildings; minors in labs; lab decommissioning programs – any incentives/ “sticks” working?

15) Fire Safety Issues/ Developments