

SPRING 1999

EHS DIRECTOR'S ROUNDTABLE — TOPICS FOR AGENDA

1) **Update on CDC Select Agent and Biological Weapon Convention Issue** — Dr. Ronald Atlas will give latest update on discussions about revising the list of agents

2) **Web Based Training** — Our ad-hoc work group will report on needs assessment and discussion of development issues. ** Guest Dr. Emmett Barkley, Director of Office of Laboratory Safety at Howard Hughes Medical Institute will join us on March 3rd to discuss HHMI's web based training program that is being launched in January 1999.

3) **Strategies and/or Successes for "Selling the EHS Message"** — The message that EHS is not and cannot be solely responsible for environmental, health and safety issues and compliance must be constantly reinforced. Principal investigators, supervisors and department heads must understand their role and responsibilities for EHS compliance and the role that EHS departments play in facilitating compliance. Discuss successful strategies to communicate and reinforce this important cornerstone of EHS compliance and any ideas or future plans.

4) **Emergence and Future Trends on Gene Therapy Protocols** — Private drug and biotech companies are putting out hundreds of agents that will require testing and clinical trials at universities. How are we organizing our IBC's to review these protocols — subcommittees with specialized expertise of both faculty and EHS ? How are we assuring that all protocols that need review are channeled properly? What forms are being used? ***Guest, Dr. Marty Evans, MD from University of Kentucky will attend and give highlights of a white paper developed by UK on this issue which will be published soon in a hospital infection control article.

5) **Best Practice Management Initiatives** — Example of model developed that allows for funding of EHS services per square foot for new buildings coming on line . *UNC and/or NC State?*

6) **Private Business Research Start Up Companies on Campus**— Discuss associated issues of liability for non-university people in campus buildings; compliance approaches for multi-employer work site; charging profit centers for EHS services, etc.

7) **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.

8) **EHS Web Site Updates & Maintenance** — Discuss any new information, forms, applications that have been well received by university community or made EHS staff/ services more efficient. Any future plans, ideas or feedback from university community on what would be the most beneficial information to put on EHS web sites?

9) **Miscellaneous Updates**— EPA Project XL; FEMA initiative on disaster resistant universities; AAMC inquiry about potential looming problem for experimental animal carcass incineration/disposal based on FDA vet comments made in early Dec.'98,etc;