

SPRING 2000

EHS DIRECTOR'S ROUNDTABLE – TOPICS FOR AGENDA

- 1) **EPA Enforcement Initiative Targeting Universities** – Cheri Hildreth Watts and Bob Wheaton will brief the group on EPA Compliance symposium held at Univ. of Penn 3/21/00. Any reaction on your campus per American Council on Education's white paper on this issue(sent to 1800 university presidents per ACE). Any plans for audits and how to conduct? Is anyone working on SPCC plans per fines at 3 Penn. universities? What about the lead paint disclosures for certain housing units? Impact of other recent regulatory initiatives. Is Given current regulatory "climate", is anyone looking into environmental liability insurance? Input on panel discussion planned for 18th Annual College and University Hazardous Waste Conference in August 2000 to include lawyers and EPA officials.
- 2) **EHS Management Systems--** Have you developed tools of assessment? Do you have checklists that you use? Are you interested in working with a core group to develop some "tools of assessment"? Some universities have implemented ISO 14000 type systems and EPA has a drafted strategy to focus on EMS/ ISO 14000. Is it worth looking at the experiences of the few universities that have done this?
- 3) **New Incidents, Accidents, Citations or Fines --** Discuss any new accidents, fines, or inspections, etc. since our last Director's Rountable at your institution or at others. (Note: Bob Wheaton at Vandy has a nice little "disaster waiting to happen" discovery. I think he's going to try and bring some pictures).
- 4) **Web Based Training Update** -- Peter Schneider of Boston University will cover the efforts of the Boston consortium of university EHS groups. Possible presentation by PureSafety.com a Nashville web based training company that is interested in working with some university EHS groups to develop content with real university setting "feel".
- 5) **Lab Exits/ Decommissioning--** Do you have a system in place that is working or know of a university that does? Implementation and policy issues? How much advance notice do you get? Does the policy cover radioactive, chemical and biological agents?
- 6) **Update on Gene Therapy Issues --** With the recent stories of under reporting of adverse effects are there any changes occurring at your institution with the IRB or IBC? Any other trends to be aware of?
- 7) **Departmental EHS Coordinators/ Safety Liasons** – If you have implemented such system, what were some of the impediments? What are the duties (i.e mgmt. reports, inspections, training, organizing meetings, etc)? How were the liasons selected and trained?

- 8) **IAQ Investigation Techniques/ Technology/ Approaches--** Is there anything new out there in the way of technology or approaches? Any success stories of getting proactive response from Physical Plant to avoid most complaints to begin with??
- 9) **UofL's Diagram of EHS as Cost of Doing Business** – Cheri will discuss the diagram she developed. Is this a useful template for discussions with your administration? Any ideas to improve this diagram? Do you have any similar tools that have been used in budget negotiations?
- 10) **Developing Standards for Labs/ Wet Chemistry/ Haz Mat Operations—** UK has been trying to do this but is having difficulties. Harry Enoch will discuss UK's goal of developing and approach for avoiding inappropriate & unsafe operations in various spaces. Anyone have ideas or an approach to “squatters” that are creating liabilities because their operations need certain ventilation,etc. and it doesn't exist in the space they occupy???
- 10) **Pros/Cons of Centralized Chemical Stores & Inventory--** Does it improve safety and compliance? At what cost?
- 11) **OSHA Injury/ Illness Analysis Trending & Reports—**Any one doing this? Sources for analysis and trending?
- 12) **Driver Safety Models** – Does anyone have a best practice model that is reducing accidents??