

Spring 2001 EHS Director's Roundtable –Topics for Agenda

1) **EPA Enforcement Initiative Followups /Developments**

- APPA/CSHEMA environmental compliance guide (primarily for smaller schools) due out later this year
- Update on HHMI's best practices initiative – Phase 3 in progress??
- Update on Project XL and C2E2 (Suzanne Howard, BC or Peter Schneider,BU)
- Possible EPA strategy meeting in DC with associations supporting C&U (NACUBO, APPA, ACE, NASLGUC, CSHEMA- NACUBO taking lead)
- Inspection updates both regional and state—any new issues emerging like aerosol can regulation in Nebraska?? UK's DOT inspection Dec.2000
- Citation and penalty updates—any new ones to add to the EPA chronology chart? UHawaii final settlement Dec.2000; Brown and URI are not final yet
- SPCC plans—has everyone gotten one in place? Any good ones to share especially if they have been reviewed by EPA inspectors and not been cited?

2) **Brief Summary of EMS Alliance for Colleges and Universities**

- 3) **New Incidents, Accidents, Fires or Identification of Exposures** – Discuss any new accidents, incidents, fires or exposures since our fall'2000 Roundtable. (Note: Bob Wheaton of Vandy has some nice photos of a dorm fire resulting from a candle and Harry Enoch reports that UK shut down rifle range to exceeding PEL for lead).

- 4) **Salary Benchmarking for EHS Director's and 2-3 EHS Manager Positions (TBD)**-- CSHEMA data too broad to allow good comparison (Dave Ranier, NCSU and Mike Russell, KU will discuss their ideas and may send something out in advance of our meeting)

- 5) **Price Benchmarking for Hazardous Waste Disposal Costs** – possibly radioactive waste too if group is interested (Rich Strong, IUPUI). Note: Harry Enoch, UK would like to briefly discuss solvent redistillation in the context of cost savings. Any one have functioning units; any hassles; is DEHS staff manning; any regulatory problems?

- 6) **Web Based Training Developments and Options** -- PureSafety pilot program and participants; separating student vs. employee training options; data management issues; overview of other vendors interviewed by NCSU and Vandy; any good examples of courses developed in-house ??

- 7) **New Technology/ Software & Applications in Use or Planned** -- palm pilots and lab inspections, digital cameras, web cameras, etc. Any new ideas from our technology “guru”, Randy Pewitt, at UAB? Also, Harry Enoch at UK wants to know if anyone has a good facilities management database that includes information fields that would help EHS (i.e fume hoods, autoclaves, eyewash/safety showers, etc).

8) Laboratory/ Research Related Issues

- Food in labs policy – Pete Reinhardt, UNC; CSHEMA and BIOSAFETY list serve discussions
- Research integrity/compliance offices and initiatives on campus—any successful models of making EHS issues one of the core areas?
- New research buildings coming on-line & increased demand on EHS services—EHS staff metric for new buildings, a recap of the CSHEMA listserv discussion and any additional thoughts?
- TSCA requirements for labs?—Harry Enoch, UK

9) Best Management Practices – Possible Candidates?

- Hazardous materials surcharge at UK—Harry Enoch
- Pesticide practices – Any one?
- Mechanism for funding of life safety improvements—Any one?
- X-ray coordination programs – NCSU? (UK’s RSC has asked that radiation safety for x-ray equipment be expanded beyond dosimetry)
- Injury, illness and accident data—any one using it in a more meaningful way other than time trending?
- Construction safety training at UK – Harry Enoch (maybe cover this during Thursday lunch)
- Any others we should look at or may have already discussed at past meetings (i.e. FSU construction /contractor checklist?)

10) Fire Safety Issues

- Campus Fire Safety Right to Know Act of 2001
- Sprinkler protection efforts in greek and residential housing
- False alarms and reporting issues
- Fire marshall inspections and responding to “big ticket” items
- Staffing

11) Emerging Issues in EHS -- CSHEMA Roundtable Report 2000 and Preparation and Input for Roundtable 2001 (Bob Emery, UT @ Houston/ Donna McMahon, UMaryland)

12) AAALAC/ IACUC Trends—Closer scrutiny of OHS services during site visits

13) Biosafety/ Gene Therapy Updates

- Any developments coming out of RAC meetings? (Cecil Smith, OSU)

14) Newsletters and Other Mechanisms for Timely Communication

- Hard copy vs. electronic

NOTE: Can everyone that has a newsletter or bulletin bring copies to share please?

