

**EHS Director's Roundtable**  
**April 2-3, 2002 ( noon to noon)**  
**Executive West Hotel**  
**Louisville, Kentucky**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA TOPICS:**

- 1) **Implementation of USA Patriot Act on Your Campus;** and
  - Subpoenas issued by DOJ for anthrax information
  - Background checks vs. signed statements
  - Select agent surveys and beyond
  - What is your university requiring for security of labs(i.e. policy vs. physical)? Employee I.D.s?
  - Update on UConn graduate student possible indictment under Patriot Act
  - DHHS inspections at UNC and Univ. of Michigan—if they are allowed to talk about it
  
- 2) **Status and Developments on Proposed Bioterrorism Legislation ( Frist/Kennedy et al.)—**  
Dr. Ron Atlas, President American Society of Microbiology
  - Cheri has gotten permission from ACE to handout a legal memorandum prepared by DC law firm on for the biotechnology industry “ Laboratory Biosafety Issues”—per Shelley Steinbach another version will be issued when this new legislation becomes law
  - Also, will forward recent article by Ron “Compliance Issues Facing Graduate Deans and Students in the Post 9/11 Era
  
- 3) **Funding for Biosafety and Other Emerging Issues in Biosafety**
  
- 4) **C&U Association's EPA Engagement Initiative and Final White Paper--** sent to EPA mid – March. Also, HHMI strategy update—Peter Schneider, BU & CSHEMA Gov. Rel. Chair
  - Regional differences in RCRA enforcement—looking for examples to use in meeting with EPA officials
  
- 5) **Experiences with EPA Compliance Audits and Self – Disclosure—**pros/cons and internal vs. external consultants
  
- 6) **Recent Inspections and Regulatory Development Updates**
  
- 7) **New Incidents, Accidents, Fines and./or Identification of Exposures –**“show and tell”
  
- 8) **Web Based Training Update --** See attached list of University web based EHS training modules and come prepared with any additions so that we can update this list! Also, want to know of any that are password protected. Any other developments and computer will be on site with internet hookup for demo.
  
- 9) **Total Chemical Management Programs—**Inventory systems and levels of automation, costs, pros/cons; chemical information systems; decommissioning labs of old chemicals, ordering systems and on-line procurement per Pete Reinhardt & Bill Properzio ; receiving systems,etc –Bob Wheaton ,( “hot” issue for Vandy )

- 10) **Compliance Strategies**—Different ways for achieving compliance ( i.e. for rad safety control is through procurement) in lab safety. Best practice accountability measures for compliance? Departments taking more control to “police” training, etc. vs. more power for EHS to shut labs down.
  - Anything working for food in labs? Do any allow clean areas in labs and if so what is criteria?
  
- 11) **New Technology/Software & Applications in Use or Planned** – Game theory application as training technology featured at Fall 2001 meeting. Any one trying to use this? Any new PDA applications? EHS data management systems—for what data and are they primarily spreadsheets or actual databases? Any thing else that our technology guru, Randy Pewitt, wants to talk about!
  
- 12) **Fume Hood Systems**—Discuss testing, inspection programs and criteria; specifications for new systems and what people are requiring i.e. VAV, flow alarms, strobic exhaust, and whether vac and gas lines are included or not; fire supression for hazardous ducts
  
- 13) **Chargebacks** – “King of Chargebacks” Rich Strong of IUPUI can enlighten us with the littany of things you can charge for and Bob Wheaton can give us the results of his informal poll. Also, discuss the rationale for various chargebacks as well as pros/ cons.

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

- How many have plutonium sources from DOE? UK just wrote Ky. Senator letter urging help to get DOE to start taking them back to insure security.
- Any one doing bilingual training? UK is looking at developing Spanish brochure for custodians cleaning in lab buildings.
- Who is the laser safety officer at you institution?
- Who is doing what with regard to EMSs ( i.e. member of C&U EMS Alliance or doing anything on your own)? Any actually preparing for implementation of EMS?
- Pregnant workers in chemical labs – any good policies?
- Does EHS maintain the OSHA log for your institution or do you have third party administrator do it?
- What standards/specifications to you follow for new eye wash/safety shower installation( i.e. tempered water, floor drains, electronic alarms?)
- Is any one using natural gas vs. diesel emergency generators?