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Agenda Items for January 22, 2014, 2pm – Minutes January 2014

• Introductions
  Lab Safety Committee Mission Statement and Membership 2013-2014

Old Business

• Update on DHS CFATS and Compliance Assistance Visit
• UA Working Alone Policy (additional links are below)

New Business

• Incident Update – Gas Main Rupture
• Explosive policy
• Minors in Lab/Research

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**Agenda Items for November 7, 2013, 2pm - Minutes November 2013**

- Introductions
- Lab Safety Committee Mission Statement and Membership 2013-2014
- General Program Information
- Reporting Lines

**Old Business:**

- DHS CFATS Site Security Plan Update
- **UA-Working Alone Policy** (to assist in your review additional Working Alone Policies are listed below)
  - [http://www.ehs.gatech.edu/chemical/ehslsm.pdf](http://www.ehs.gatech.edu/chemical/ehslsm.pdf) (page 69 of manual)
  - [http://ehs.mit.edu/site/content/mit-working-alone-policy](http://ehs.mit.edu/site/content/mit-working-alone-policy)
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  - [http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/safety/policies/individualpolicies/loneworking](http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/safety/policies/individualpolicies/loneworking)

**New Business:**

- Explosive policy
- Chemical Safety Committee Article
- Nano Advisory Group
- Minors in Lab/Research

**Quick Links**

- Training Information
- Ordering/Shipping Information
- Forms and Supporting Documents
- Manuals and Policies
- Newsletters
- FAQ and Info for Research Safety E-Tools
- Lab Safety Calendar
- Fume Hood Service Request

**EHS Communications**
Dr. Vincent brought the meeting to order.

Introductions were made.

Brief discussion of the membership and mission statement for committee to orient Dr. Pinkert.

Issue was raised regarding administrative support for the program and enforcement authority. The committee asked Dr. Pinkert to make these items for review.

Old Business

Marcy gave an update on the DHS CFATS report status and the request for a Compliance Assistance Visit.

Andrea gave an update on the Working Alone Policy. Several faculty expressed concerns about the policy and its restrictions. Some suggestions were made for addressing their concerns. Andrea agreed to continue to develop the policy.

New Business

Marcy gave an update on the Gas Line Rupture and the subsequent evacuation of several UA buildings. Concerns were raised about communication failures during the event. No information was available regarding an After Action review and no report from EHS regarding their response had been requested.

Time ran out before New Business agenda was concluded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm
Lab Safety Committee  
November 7, 2013 - 2pm

Present: John Vincent, Marcy Huey, Andrea Davidson, Patty Sobecky, Cathy Pagani, Lisa Cox, Tanta Myles, Greg McKelvey, Paul Wuebold, Robin Rogers, Carolyn Cassady

Dr. Vincent brought the meeting to order.

Introductions were made.

Brief discussion of the membership and mission statement for committee to orient new members.

Old Business

Since there were several new members, Marcy gave a review of the DHS CFATS program, UA’s regulatory status, and current activity in the program. Discussion ensued about the meaning and implementation of some of the requirements. Marcy will be meeting with Dr. Pinkert, the new VP for Research, to brief him on the program status.

UA Working Alone policy: work on this policy began in 2012, but was not completed. Andrea has begun revising that policy and has submitted a proposal to the committee. Additional policies from other schools are posted on the committee webpage. Several committee members raised some concerns about the policy impact and requested revisions. Andrea will develop some options and post some policies from other institutions for review and future discussion.

New Business

Time expired before new business could be addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm