

Chemical Hygiene Meeting

May 20, 2022 11 am - 12 pm via Zoom

Present: Adrienne Betty, Jennifer Wachholz, Sam Hammond

Review of April Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Hazardous Waste Inventory Due:

A reminder was shared that all hazardous waste inventory is due today.

Annual Inspections:

A reminder the annual laboratory safety inspections will commence in June. Part of the inspection is to ensure there is an updated chemical inventory and the monthly safety inspections have been completed. Sam and Jennifer shared their inventory is not completed but now that the semester has ended it will become a priority for their areas. The team was reminded Carlos Campos can assist with the inventory. Jennifer also noted they were very diligent in completing the monthly safety inspections in the Fall semester but it was more challenging in Spring due to COVID-19 health protocols having staff out frequently.

Facilities Project Updates:

Tenting to the Physical Science building was completed during Spring break. JR Barto completed ducting to separate return in the Physical Science building. A quote to replace the roof of the Physical Science building has been received. The replacement will likely take place in Summer 2022.

CHP Review:

The updates to the Chemical Hygiene Plan were reviewed and suggestions for improvements were solicited.

QUERIES PRESENTED DURING MEETING:

Sam said he would look into ordering items separately to make-up a spill kit rather than purchasing the spill kit already put together. This would be more cost effective and they would be sure to get the exact items they want. Jennifer shared the vendor who provides the maintenance for the autoclave has retired and it has been challenging to find another vendor. Apparently this is a very specialized industry and not many are in the business. Allan Hancock College used our same vendor and are also searching for a replacement. We have a full maintenance performed twice per year and blow down once a month. Jennifer asked if Adrienne Betty could assist with finding someone in the industry and suggested possibly having Patrick Tighe in F&O become trained on this type of equipment. It was also suggested that Sam Hammond consider looking into becoming trained on how to maintain the autoclave as he will be resigning from the District in August.