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Minutes
General Safety Committee Meeting
March 21, 2000
110 Mining & Minerals

Present:

Terrence Collins	David Hoke
David Acker	Rebecca Langston
Kwaku Addo	Tony Ralph
Garry Beach	John Summersett
Woody Bottom	Jack Wireman
Bob Cadle	Greg Zoll
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1. The minutes from September 9, 1999 meeting were approved.

2. Fire Marshal Report

Major life safety projects to add new fire exits at Barker Hall, Pence Hall and Reynolds #1 were completed this past quarter. Though not previously reported here, exit improvement projects have also been completed at Bowman Hall, Terrell Building, 305 Euclid Avenue, Ag Science North, Animal Pathology, Peterson Service Building, Breckinridge Hall, Kinkead Hall, White Hall Classroom, Garrigus Building, Transportation Building, Administration Building and Spindletop Mansion.

On January 14, a small fire occurred at the Medical Center incinerator. Three fire extinguishers were used to put out the fire, which was caused by failure of the ram feeder fire sensor. Several steps have been taken to prevent such incidents in the future.

A January 26 inspection of the Sigma Chi fraternity house on Woodland Drive revealed numerous life safety violations. Since the frequency and severity of the violations posed an imminent threat to the health and safety of residents, the Director of Procurement and Construction closed the fraternity for the spring 2000 semester.

In November 1999 a fire drill was held in the Medical Science wing of the Medical Center that required all occupants to evacuate. This was the first drill of this type in Med. Science.

On February 7, there was a fire at Sigma Pi, an off-campus fraternity located at 364 Aylesford. It caused severe physical damage to the building, including extensive smoke and water damage. There were no injuries. The fire was caused by an unattended space heater.

On February 12, an arsonist used accelerant to start a fire on the 3rd floor of Kinhead Hall. Several rooms holding research records were involved. There was minor physical damage and extensive smoke damage. There were no injuries. The incident is still under investigation.

3. Education Subcommittee Report

John Summersett discussed the bloodborne pathogen awareness computer based training will be ready next month and will be accessible on the Web. UK specific asbestos and other copyrighted materials will be viewed on the Web as well as other safety videos. A lead training package for UK employees is being put together.

4. Diving Committee

No report

5. Occupational Health and Safety

David Acker gave an overview of OSHA's proposed ergonomic standard and potential impact on UK. There will be phase in periods after the standard is approved. To be updated on the hearings go to www.osha.gov.

6. Occupational Health and Safety Statistics

Bob Cadle discussed UK's injury/illness statistics and trending. Open discussion on interpretation of data. David Hibbard suggested each department should be represented by a unit safety committee.

7. There was no old or new business.

8. Adjourn