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Minutes General Safety Committee Meeting September 9, 1999 110 Mining & Minerals

Present:

Terence Collins
Bob Cadle
Ken Clevidence
Kathleen Columbus
Karen Early
Wendy Katz
Rebecca Langston

Joe Mallek
Tony Ralph
Tomi Ross
John Summersett
Jack Wireman
Greg Zoll

1. Dr. Collins welcomed the new members. The minutes from the June 3, 1999 meeting were approved as written.

2. Fire Marshal Report

The Fire Marshal's office recently conducted a fire drill in one of the residence halls using artificial smoke. The fire department used its new heat-imaging camera, which is used to locate people who become disoriented in smoky conditions. This equipment will eventually be in each fire department major's vehicle.

3. Education Subcommittee Report

The second annual Erik Peake Award will be presented at a luncheon on December 13, 1999, the anniversary of the accident. The theme this year is Safety in the New Millennium. There are two components to the award. The first is a \$1,000 cash award to a non-supervisory PPD employee nominated by their peers who has demonstrated outstanding work in the area of safety and health. The second is a \$1,000 scholarship to a UK student for an essay relevant to the theme. Plaques are also awarded to the winners and a permanent plaque is located at the Service Building.

The UK Asbestos Awareness video/CD program has been previewed by various PPD groups, i.e., business offices, electronics, and management. The program will be distributed campus-wide.

John Summersett gave an update on behalf of the Education Subcommittee on the interactive learning program related to bloodborne pathogens. Karen Early is working with John Summersett on the training video. The script for the video is 45 pages long and the video is expected to be completed in the near future.

3. The Diving Committee did not meet.

4. Occupational Health & Safety

Bob Cadle mentioned that Karen Early has left her position at OH&S and is now working for Preventive Medicine. She continues to do some work for OH&S on an interim basis until her position there is filled. The search continues to fill the position of OH&S director.

Bob Cadle reported that the Student Government Association (SGA) safety walk is expected to take place in October. The purpose of the walk is to identify general security and safety concerns on campus.

5. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

John Summersett asked how departments are addressing the cost of PPE, particularly that of prescription safety glasses. He feels there should be a University-wide policy on how PPE equipment is paid for. OSHA requires employers to pay for some but not all personal protective equipment. None of the committee members felt departments should be mandated to pay for the cost of prescription safety glasses. Members stated that protective safety eyewear could be worn over prescription glasses.

John Summersett expressed concern about UK's potential liability relative to some general contractors' lack of safety precautions at various building sites at UK. Tomi Ross said that contractors are responsible for the safety of their own employees; UK safety people are responsible for the safety of UK employees, students and visitors. Ken Clevidence stated that all contractors operating at UK are responsible for meeting OSHA's standards for safety. UK cannot dictate to the contractors; if they do, the University becomes culpable under the multi-employer worksite standard. John Summersett said additional efforts should be made to increase safety awareness among UK employees, students and visitors.

Rebecca Langston said that the Police department will be doing a regular column in the Kernel. She suggested that the staff at the Kernel might also be interested in publishing a regular safety column addressing safety concerns. Safety around construction sites could be one topic addressed in that forum. EH&S will explore the possibility of approaching the staff at the Kernel with this idea.

Kathleen Columbus, president of Alpha Gamma sorority, mentioned that sororities and residence halls are often seeking materials to share with residents. Sharing flyers, videos and other materials with them would be a good way to distribute safety information. Materials can be placed in mailboxes in room 106 at the Student Center. In addition, the personnel with the program "Halls in Stalls" may be receptive to posting general safety information in bathrooms.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.