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Director's Report to the University Health and Safety Committee  
May 27, 1986

Item 1. Fume Hood Program

Occupational Health and Safety has the services of a Challenge 86 student who is carrying out a classification/evaluation and documentation program on all fume hoods located on campus. To date, she has completed the Chemical Engineering and Chemistry Department. Over 200 hoods have been evaluated. The safe operating position will be indicated on each hood. A computer file is being generated and will be used in the future for updating and surveillance.

Item 2. Noise Evaluation in Carpentry Shop

Occupational Health and Safety has carried out an investigation of noise levels and 2 employees have had their hearing capacity evaluated. Some equipment has been posted indicating that ear protection is required. A hearing conservation program is being investigated.

Item 3. D/A/B/S Committees/Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the D/A/B/S Committees have been revised based on comments received. Two dates for an information exchange have been established. They are June 12th, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. and June 13th, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in IRC #3. Two members from each Committee are requested to attend one of these sessions. The agenda includes not only the Terms of Reference for Safety Committees but Accident/Incident Investigations, worksite inspections and lock-out procedures.

Item 4. Training for Lock-out Procedures

Occupational Health and Safety will be carrying out lunch bucket training sessions (10 - 15 minutes) with various Plant Operations groups. Five sessions are anticipated at this time.

Item 5. W.C.B. Safety Course

Preliminary steps have been taken to have the two-day safety course for D/A/B/S Committee members given starting in September. It is expected that six to eight sessions may be required assuming two members at least from each committee participate in these courses.

Item 6. Chemical Safety in the Laboratory

The Chemical Safety Committee, Occupational Health and Safety and the Fire Hall have put together a course outline which consists of three half day sessions. They are asking various departments for assistance in identifying speakers for this course. The first course will be given in late September or early October.



Item 7. MSDS/BDH Chemicals

The six volumes of material safety data sheets (MSDS) are being made available to U.B.C. departments at a preferred customer rate. The normal list price is \$450.00 the preferred rate will be \$300.00 to the University and should ten or more sets be ordered a further reduction will be applicable. This price includes all future updates. Those interested can obtain further information from the Director (4218).

Item 8. Chemical Waste Disposal Facility

The Chemical Waste Disposal Facility became operational on April 24, 1986 and operated for several days before the supply air fan motor burned out. It then became operational on May 15th and is currently functioning. The neutralizing of acids is proceeding routinely and requests should be directed to Ron Aamodt at 6306.

Item 9. Radioisotope Licences

This year there have been 43 licences issued to date. The Radiation Protection Officer is carrying out leak testing of all sealed sources and has completed approximately half of those located on campus. This evaluation is carried out on an annual basis.

Item 10. Occupational Health and Safety Week

June 14th through 21st 1986 is the first Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week.

Item 11. Occupational Health and Safety Seminar

Dr. Mike Noble of Medical Microbiology will be speaking on "Microbiological Hazards and the Sick Building Syndrome" on June 5, 1986 at 12:30 p.m. in IRC #3.

Item 12. D/A/B/S Committee Meetings

Fifteen copies of Committee meetings minutes have been received this month. The Soil Science Committee recommended that in the fall they have a joint departmental safety meeting with all Faculty, Staff and Students. We encourage this recommendation and hope that other committees put on similar programs.

Item 13. Safety Label Guides

The Director has received from BDH Chemical Canada Ltd. copies of their safety label guides. These are approximately 18" x 24" printed on durable paper and designed to be put up on laboratory walls. If you wish to receive a copy please contact the Occupational Health and Safety office. (2029)