

## Collider-Accelerator Department Worker Occupational Safety and Health Committee

*Date:* October 25, 2005  
*To:* WOSH Committee  
*From:* P. Sparrow/R. Savage  
*Subject:* Minutes for 10/21/05 - WOSH Committee Meeting

**Members:** R. Akins,\* M. Bannon,\* J. Beebe-Wang,\* J. Carlson,\* R. Conte, J. Cupolo, D. Derryberry, F. Dusek, J. Guercio, J. Laster, D. Lazarus, C. Liaw, D., B. Mullany, J. Nicolellis, D. Oldham, S. Pontieri,\* M. Sardzinski, R. Savage, W. Shaffer, T. Shrey, L. Snyderstrup,\* P. Sparrow, D. Steski,\* F. Teich,\* W. Venegas,\* L. Vogt\* and D. Weiss\*

**Guests:** None

The primary focus of the WOSH meeting was to address the new Brookhaven National Laboratory evacuation zones and applicable emergency signal responses. Paul Sparrow issued a hand-out to all WOSH members that provided details of the new evacuation zones and focused on the following topics:

- a. New Plectron radio warning system is in place. They are equipped with rechargeable batteries, eliminating the need to change the batteries every year.
- b. AGS Evacuation Zone is now Zone 1, instead of Zones 7 and 8. RHIC evacuation zone is now Zone 2, instead of Zone 20.

A discussion ensued on the fire alarm system. A new fire alarm panel was installed in Building 911 (MCR) and 940 (CAS). R. Savage provided additional information concerning the Edward's 281A heat detector upgrade process. Paul Sparrow reminded everyone that the last fire was observed by an employee who pulled the fire alarm box before any heat detector was activated. When fires start they are small and may take some time to reach a detector. Members were reminded to continue to remain diligent, with regard to fire safety.

As part of the Tier I inspections, lab coats will be examined for cleanliness. The C-AD Industrial Hygienist, Ken Erickson, informed us that the Laboratory offers a cleaning service for lab coats at a cost of \$.30 per coat. If anyone is interested in this service, they should contact Paul Sparrow for further details.

In addition, Ed Lessard requested WOSH Committee Members to review the Janitorial Service hand-out to determine if it accurately reflects the amount of janitorial service provided to their respective buildings. After reviewing the hand-out, WOSH Committee Members were requested to return any changes to Ed Lessard.

\*Denotes not in attendance

**Questions:****1. Why did the Fire Drill in Building 911 start at 4:45pm, when many individuals from the Department leave at 4:30pm?**

P. Sparrow stated that the majority of employees who are in Building 911 work until 5:00pm. It is also done at that time so as not to interfere with ongoing work during the day.

**2. Why are the gutters on Building 912 not cleaned out to allow excess water to drain instead of lying on the newly installed roof?**

P. Sparrow stated that this is a problem all over the Lab. They clean out building gutters, then we have winds blowing leaves and sticks back on the roofs. When it rains all the debris is washed into the gutters again. This type of maintenance is prioritized by Plant Engineering and is based on the amount of laboratory facilities requiring similar maintenance and repair and budget/manpower restraints.

**3. What can be done with items that are a safety concern but cost too much to repair or fix? The member explained that in Building 902 there is a transformer and power panel disconnect directly below a large roof leak. Presently, a management decision was reached that when it rains these units will be shut down causing work in the area to stop.**

P. Sparrow stated that this concern is lab-wide and that current budget restraints affect this type of roof repair. In many cases plastic tarps are used to keep electrical equipment dry. Management is taking these steps to avoid additional safety concerns until the issue can be properly addressed.

**4. Is the maintenance trailer that has been outfitted with tools to make building repairs, etc. still used by Plant Engineering?**

P. Sparrow stated that the maintenance trailer is used for "Team Maintenance" when Plant Engineering is at a building for several weeks.

**Closing Meeting Comments:**

P. Sparrow would like to remind WOSH members to bring this information back to their respective groups for discussion during their weekly safety meetings. In addition, it is time to submit your request for special funds to address safety issues at C-AD. The Safety Solutions (S2) projects will be accepting nominations for projects through December 31, 2005. If you want to discuss your ideas or need help in completing the form, contact a member of the C-AD ESHQ Division.

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