

Safety Review Committee

June 20, 2008

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Minutes

Committee Member	Representing	Present
Banda, Michael J.	Computing Sciences Directorate	X
Bello, Madelyn	Human Resources Advisor	X
Blodgett, Paul M.	Environment, Health and Safety Division	X
Dubon, Oscar	Materials Sciences Division	
Francino Puget, Maria Pilar	Genomics Division	
Kadel, Richard W.	Physics Division	
Kostecki, Robert	Environmental Energy Technologies Division	X
Leitner, Daniela	Nuclear Science Division	X
Li, Derun	Accelerator & Fusion Research Division	
Lucas, Donald	Safety Review Committee Chair	X
Lukens Jr., Wayne W.	Chemical Sciences Division	X
Martin, Michael C.	Advanced Light Source Division	
Nakagawa, Seiji	Earth Sciences Division	X
Ohearn, Jerry	Facilities Division	
Petzold, Christopher J.	Physical Biosciences Division	X
Smith, Linda K.	Information Technology Division	
Taylor, Scott E.	Life Sciences Division	X
<i>Perry, Edith</i> for Thomas, Patricia M.	Safety Review Committee Secretary	X
Twohey, Daniel	Directorate/Operations	X
Wong, Weyland	Engineering Division	X

Others Present: Hattie Carwell, John Chernowski, Vivi FisseKidou, Melanie Gravois, Howard Hatayama, Michael Kritscher, Tony Linard, Florence Mou, Edith Perry, Mike Ruggieri

Chairman's Comments – Don Lucas

- The minutes from the May 2008 meeting were approved.
- Introduced new SRC Representatives Robert Kostecki, a PI in EETD and Chris Petzold, a chemist in PBD.
- Completed review of Nano safety conducted by DOE Office of Science. We can expect to see more of these reviews in the future.
- We need to do a better job with compliance - do what we say we're going to do.

Revised MESH Program – Don Lucas & John Chernowski presented an overview of the revised MESH program. More information will be available on the Safety Review Committee website. Some of the changes noted are:

- OCA will no longer be members of MESH Teams
- Division MESH Questionnaire has been eliminated
- Opening briefing no longer required
- Division Director will be interviewed last
- Division management will not be included in staff interviews
- ISM implementation will be the focus of the MESH Review
- Technical findings will be passed on to the Division Safety Coordinator

John Chernowski – Preparing a template and will send out to team leads. David Stein (x7969) is coordinating the schedule for OCA and has blocked time on calendar. If these times don't work for you, please let David know. Melanie Gravois will be available for technical support. Let Don Lucas know if you experience difficulty scheduling the divisions.

McCallum Turner Review – Howard Hatayama. Mid to late August 2008, we can expect another review that will focus on how people perform their work and a validation of the recent effectiveness review. Will also look at institutional feedback and improvement mechanisms and how we're handling the transition from IFA to Technical Assurance. The assessment team may want to interview Division Safety Coordinators (self-assessment, CATS, Lessons Learned) and Safety Review Committee members (MESH). Current feedback and improvement mechanisms are not identifying findings that DOE captures. Also looking at making adjustments to technical assurance activities as the program is not compliant. Howard Hatayama is working with John Chernowski to fix. Send feedback and thoughts on how we can move forward to Howard.

DIR/OPS MESH Response – Dan Twohey distributed copies of the report dated June 3, 2008 which noted one concern and six observations. Question: Is it emphasized in *EHS010 New Employee Orientation* that every employee is responsible for their own safety? Michael Banda noted that findings from previous MESH reviews included ergonomic injuries that resulted from new software designs that require excessive clicks of the mouse. The Laboratory Ergonomics team should evaluate new software for these types of hazards before it is rolled out. It was also noted that although there was an increase in first aid injuries, this is a good indication that people are reporting symptoms early. Enforcing a safety culture for matrixed staff remains an issue but is actually an institutional problem. Managers will be held accountable for injuries.

Subcontractor JHA – Mike Ruggieri presented an update of the pilot program for non-construction subcontractor safety assurance. To review the pilot program visit <http://www.lbl.gov/ehs/ssa/nssa/>. Draft Chapter 31 will be submitted for Safety Review Committee approval by July 1, 2008. Will present Chapter 31 at the July 18 Safety Review Committee meeting. The Laser Safety Program is planning to provide three AHD variations for authorizing subcontractors. The majority of non-construction electrical work is testing and diagnostics. Practical guidance is being developed on assessing electrical hazards for non-construction electrical work.

Some overlap between subcontractors and Berkeley Lab employees identified.
Working with John Seabury to fix.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted, *Edith Perry* for Patricia M. Thomas, SRC Secretary