

Chemical Hygiene Meeting

October 15, 2021 11 am - 12 pm via Zoom

Present: Adrienne Betty, Tracy Reynolds, Cecilia Contreras Martinez, Jennifer Waccholz, Raeanne Napoleon, Michelle Paddack, Sam Hammond

Chemical Inventory Update:

VelocityEHS does provide a system to track chemical inventory and only the application will need to be downloaded. No other device is needed. This service is free to us. Cecilia Contreras Martinez was provided the step by step instructions and will go through the process with Adrienne and report back on any pitfalls of using this system.

MSDSOnline Quick Links to Training:

A document was created in the Lab Safety shared drive with links to frequently asked questions Adrienne has had herself or others have asked of her. This should assist employees to quickly find the step-by-step instructions they are looking for without having to scroll through the catalog of useful videos EHS offers.

Fume Hood and Airflow Alarm Certifications:

The most recent fume hood and airflow alarm certification was completed on October 8th. A copy of the report has been made available in the Lab Safety shared drive.

Eyewash Stations Maintenance and Repair:

As part of follow up to the annual inspection the eyewash stations in EBS have received maintenance and some new parts. The PS building was completed in September.

The idea of installing a water softener system in the PS building was brought up. It was shared that the EBS building has a water softener system but it doesn't help much.

QUERIES PRESENTED DURING MEETING:

The implementation of the student laboratory safety contract was brought up. The Chemistry department has used it for years and updated it along the way. All other science departments

have yet to implement it but are interested in creating a version that caters to their prospective departments. Some questions arose during this conversation about the contract.

- Should we include two emergency contacts
- How long should they be kept on file?
- Do we need a wet signature or will signing in through pipeline be sufficient?

It was suggested we add spill kits to our agenda for the month of November.

Clarification was requested on some topics discussed in the laboratory safety training provided by Keenan Safe Colleges such as respirators, PPE, and PEL. An email was requested to be sent to Adrienne with the specific questions and clarifications. The group also requested training on spill clean-up.

It was pointed out that in the 2021 Chemical Hygiene Plan we removed the sections about complex and simple spills. It was advised this should be discussed during the 2022 annual review.