

ESD Safety Committee Meeting Minutes - 9 January, 2008

Attending: Tim Kneafsey, Seiji Nakagawa, Todd Wood, Maryann Villavert, Don DePaolo, Paul Cook, Cristina Castanha, Carl Steefel, Barry Freifeld (an onsite power failure prevented full attendance at this meeting and printing the agenda and previous meeting minutes)

Critical Items:

1. **The SAA issue** in which waste approaching 365 days accumulation time was found in an ESD SAA and a **Guest Injury** in which first-aid was provided for a guest, who had back pain after lifting 5 gallon bucket filled with water and reported to medical were briefly discussed. These were discussed at the previous meeting and had been brought to the attention of the division director.

Other Items:

2. **Previous meeting minutes** – not addressed due to power failure
Vivi Fissekidou, 2/13/08: The minutes of the ESD Safety Committee meeting on 19 December 2007 were reviewed and approved for release by Tim Kneafsey , Seiji Nakagawa, Jil Geller, Tom Daley, R. Connelly and Vivi. They were distributed to the ESD council and the safety committee on 1/14/08
3. **Job Hazard Analysis (JHA)** – John Seabury presented the JHA process to Jil and Vivi. It would be helpful to ask John to present the JHA to the safety committee in the near future.
Vivi Fissekidou, 2/13/08: J. Seabury had no opening in his calendar for today's meeting but I hope that he would come to the March meeting.
4. **Low Activity Source** – The question of how radioactive samples are received at LBNL was asked. Do we generally rely on the measurements and calculations of the sender, or are measurements made here to verify the senders measurements? Recent samples with incorrect calculations have resulted in noncompliance with Low Activity Source permits. Action Item – Carl and Vivi to investigate this process.
Vivi Fissekidou, 2/13/08: Rob Connelly discussed with Steve Sohner, EH&S. All radioactive samples are tested by EH&S prior to delivery to specific location; LBNL does not rely on the senders measurement. If the samples are found to be outside the range permitted Low Activity Source (LAS), they are not delivered until the LAS is modified.
Vivi Fissekidou, 2/13/08: Carl insisted that when samples are received by LBNL exceed the LAS authorization limit, he is in violation.
Vivi Fissekidou, 3/26/08: Rob Connelly discussed it further with Kris Szornel, ES&H, who confirmed that the PI is in compliance if he/she does not intentionally violates the LAS.
- 5 **New Projects**—Not reported

The meeting was adjourned.