

Facilities & Construction Safety Committee Meeting

Members

([P]) indicates member present at today's meeting)

Employee Represented:

[P] Karen Barnack, EHS Assistant Director for Occupational Health and Safety
[P] Aaron Britton, FPM Zone Maintenance
[P] Bryce Henry, CPC Construction Technology Coordinator
[] Todd King, OIT Telecom Associate
[P] Mitchell Schwabel, FPM Housing Maintenance
[] Doug Brown, FPM Systems
[] Gail Hamilton, FPM In-House Construction Manager

[P] Dustin Boomer, FPM Work Control Center
[P] Jones Barton, FPM In-House Construction
[] Mark Thomas, FPM Electrical
[] Andrew Beland, FPM Landscaping
[P] Kevin Reed, FPM Lockshop
[P] Taylor Yoshihata, Materials Management
[P] Dirk Theisen, FPM Mechanical Systems Manager

Ad Hoc:

[] Erica Hunsberger, EHS Specialist
[P] Alyssa Thompson, EHS Student Worker

Meeting Call to Order

Date: 6/14/2022

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Google Meet (remote)

Roll Call and Review of Previous Minutes

- Minutes approved with no changes. Please review the minutes online, if you have not had a chance to, and let Karen know if any corrections are needed.
- A reminder that meeting minutes and agendas are posted to the [Facilities and Construction Safety Committee Google share drive](#). Please contact Karen if you have any questions regarding how to access them.

Safety Committee Member Role

- Obtain questions, concerns, or ideas from your respective crew to be brought up to the committee. After the meeting, share out the information from the safety committee meeting with your crew. It is very important to keep the lines of communication flowing.
- Participate in quarterly safety committee inspections.

Review of Previous Action Items

- All Committee Members: Review meeting minutes and share the information with your crews. Post them on your crew safety bulletin boards. Post safety information on bulletin boards, as topics are updated. This is an ongoing action item reminder.
- Pending/Tracking: CPSO and EHS to meet and discuss response protocols regarding small-scale oil spills.
 - o **Update:** Jeff Rook has been meeting with CPSO regarding this and another recent spill at the SRTC loading dock.
 - On 5/27/2022, there was a battery acid spill at the SRTC loading dock. The pallet was found to be damaged and the battery bank was not set correctly on the pallet. As the pallet was removed from the truck, the bank tipped and spilled 6 to 7 gallons of battery acid/sulfuric acid close to a storm drain. The PSU Chemical Hygiene Committee is reviewing the incident with EHS.

- Karen (Pending/Tracking): Research any additional guidance for Landscaping staff for cleaning feces in landscaped areas. Possible [BES stormwater planter signage](#) installation in swales; awaiting a response from BES.
 - **Update:** No updates currently.
- Karen (Pending/Tracking): Follow up with vendors regarding other types of cut-resistant gloves and arrange for them to bring samples and meet with crews. Work with Stores on glove types to stock. EHS is developing a PPE guide for all PPE in Stores. The guide will be shared with the Safety Committee when the draft is completed.
 - **Update:** On hold for the moment. EHS is currently focusing on the heat and wildfire smoke rules. This will be tracked in the pending action items.
- Karen: Inquire to add an OIT AV department representative to the Safety Committee.
 - **Update:** An email has been sent to Mark Walker to discuss possible members.
- Karen: Follow-up with Tayler Workman and the status of having doors removed in the UCB east stairwell.
 - **Update:** No updates currently.

Incidents / Injuries

- PS3 subcontractor incident
 - **Description:** PSU employee drove through low voltage wire that was temporarily draped/removed while conduit was being reworked. The wire snagged the trim piece on the front of the car resulting in vehicle damage.
 - **Follow-up:** There was an incident review meeting with the contractor and subcontractor. In the review, it was found that a pre-task plan had not been completed for this work, as required by the contractor's overall site-specific safety plan. Also, an impact notice had not been issued for this work event, which was a completion of the work that was not finished during the PS3 electrical shutdown.
 - **Corrective Action:** After the incident, a pre-task plan was completed. The plan included cones and caution tape added around the work area.
 - **Lessons Learned:** Darker work areas, such as parking garages, need to plan for additional visibility. Future work tasks to be performed for this project will install additional cones and signage alerting drivers to work ahead. Contractor may also consider using a traffic barrier for high visibility in lieu of or in addition to cones and tape around the work area.
- WHP silica dust from an electrical subcontractor.
 - **Description:** Observed and reported by a PSU employee to EHS and to CPC. The electrical subcontractor was not using appropriate silica control methods when drilling in concrete at multiple locations in the WHP, resulting in visible dust in the air.
 - **Follow-up:** CPC reached out to the contractor to stop work. EHS and CPC met with the subcontractor on-site. The contractor was requested to thoroughly HEPA vacuum and wet wipe the areas where they had been working. Multiple site walks by EHS and CPC took place to ensure all silica dust had been cleaned up.
 - **Corrective Action:** An incident review meeting took place with the contractor and subcontractor to review Oregon OSHA silica requirements and PSU expectations.
- Employee injured while moving a refrigerator
 - **Description:** A worker was using a hand truck for assistance when moving a refrigerator. The employee slipped and fell backward causing them to hit their head on the door frame in the fall.
 - **Follow up:** EHS/Erica will be reviewing this injury report.

- **Corrective Action:** Recommendation of an ergonomic evaluation for moving appliances.
- FAB roof project
 - **Description:** A few people were spotted climbing up the trash chute scaffolding and up onto the roof.
 - **Follow up:** The plywood barriers were not placed high enough, and the people were able to grab hold of the top of the plywood from an adjacent wall and tree and climb the scaffolding. The climbers were caught on video and reported to CPC.
 - **Corrective Action:** Additional plywood was added higher and signage was placed on all sides of the scaffolding. This is a reminder that when setting up temporary scaffolding or temporary fencing to be aware of areas where people may be able to access rooftops or other restricted areas.

COVID-19 Exposure Prevention

- Concerns? Questions? Reminder to notify your supervisor of any concerns as well; can also email the coronavirusresponse@pdx.edu.
- Dustin - Question concerning some counties going back to a recommended use of indoor masks and if there is any talk about reinstating mask use or requirements here at PSU?
 - Karen: Reach out to Jeff and Emma about IMT updates pertaining to indoor mask use with community risk levels.
 - After the meeting, Karen followed up with safety committee members by email that the [IMT communication on masks on 5/12](#) is the most recent communication regarding face coverings for the PSU community.

Oregon OSHA Heat Illness Prevention Program

- The PSU written program for heat illness prevention has been updated and is under review. It includes the Oregon OSHA requirements for heat index monitoring, water, shade, rest break schedule, communication, and an acclimatization plan.
- The heat illness medical response plan has also been updated.
- A template has been created and is currently under review for site-specific/department specific heat illness prevention plans.
- The annual training is being updated with the newly finalized rules. An email will be going out soon with a link for staff to complete the training via Canvas.

Rounds / New Safety Concerns

- Dirk: Anyone working in SRTC or other lab spaces; a reminder to read the safety signage and warnings on the doors.
- Taylor: no new safety concerns
- Dustin: Work Control Center had a business owner in NE Portland call and report they found a PSU vehicle (Chevy Silverado) if any department is missing a vehicle.
- Kevin: no new safety concerns
- Jones: no new safety concerns
- Aaron: no new safety concerns
- Mitchell: no new safety concerns
 - FPM Housing & Maintenance had a successful blast weekend this year, cleaning out 417 rooms
- Bryce: no new safety concerns
- Karen: no new safety concerns



- Construction projects update: SRTC renovation is wrapping up soon; FAB re-roof project has a crane pick every Wednesday; landscape yard renovation project has begun; FMH museum HVAC upgrades; SRTC air balancing is underway; East Hall boiler install; SRTC shut down on Friday 6/17 for electrical work.
- Reach out to the CPC project manager and EHS if you have any safety concerns regarding contractor projects.

Action Items and Safety Concerns

- Pending/Tracking: Concerns about high wind events and branches falling in the Park Blocks. The Safety Committee requested IMT/Emergency Management consider issuing a campus alert warning for high wind events and for pedestrians to choose different routes and to use caution during these events.
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- Erica (Pending/Tracking): Injury while moving a refrigerator. Ergonomic evaluation.

Meeting Adjourned

Time: 10:35 am

Next Meeting

Date: July 12, 2022

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Google Meet (remote)