

## **Chapter 4**

### **EMS COLLEGE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

See **PSU Policy SY01, Environmental Health and Safety Policy**  
<http://guru.psu.edu/policies/SY01.html>

#### **4.1 Introduction**

The Safety Committee of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences serves as a bi-directional conduit to disseminate information from the University Safety Council through the Safety Office to the Safety Committee to all employees in each work unit. The committee provides the communication mechanism to route information and concerns from the workers to the committee and on to the Safety Officer. Sometimes this information or these concerns may be appropriate to take to the University Safety Council. The Safety Committee provides the vehicle to allow that.

#### **4.2 Specific Roles for the EMS Safety Committee**

- Hold regularly scheduled meetings with representation from each unit/department with the EMS College. Maintain minutes of the meetings for future reference. These meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month. This is one week after the University Safety Council meeting so the Safety Officer can communicate information from the council meeting to the committee.
- Assist the Safety Officer, PI's, and department heads in the development of unit-specific Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.P.'s) and safety procedures. The committee members will also report back to the Safety Officer on the effectiveness of the procedures.
- Review a summary of accident reports for the unit to evaluate trends or problem areas. Evaluate accident causes and identify potential solutions where possible. Where appropriate, committee representatives may participate in accident/injury investigations within their departments or units.
- Serve as a conduit between the Safety Officer and individual work units to disseminate information and provide feedback.
- Identify issues, such as training and education needs with each unit; report them to the Safety Officer, who will then contact EHS if necessary.
- Assist the Safety Officer in safety-related duties within the unit, such as safety postings, inspections, training, etc.

- Provide assistance to the Safety Officer as needed in providing liaison contacts for the University EHS department.
- Members of the committee will help coordinate the implementation of any defined and approved safety and health related program introduced by the university.

### **4.3 Current EMS Safety Committee Members**

The committee is made up of one representative from each of the departments in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences.

#### **Current members are as follows:**

Safety Committee Chair- **Dr. Joel Haight**- 3-4491

College Safety Officer - **Teresa Carmody** – Telephone – 3-8899

Alternate to College Safety Officer - **Bob Ziegler** – Telephone – 5-2916

#### **Departments**

Energy & Geo-Environmental Engineering - **Tom Motel** - Telephone –3-4491

Energy, Environmental & Mineral Economics – **Dr. Adam Rose** – Telephone –3-0179

Geography – **Dr. Colin Flint** – 5-2493

Geosciences – **Denny Walizer** – Telephone – 3-2023

Material Science and Engineering – **Dr. Mike Chung** – Telephone – 3-1394

Meteorology – **Dr. Dennis Lamb** – Telephone – 5-0174

#### **Research Centers**

Center for Environmental Risk Assessment – **Dr. Tim Considine** – Telephone - 5-0810

Energy Institute - **Ronnie Wasco** – Telephone - 3-5384

Environment Institute - **Phil Kolb** – Telephone – 3-7205

Materials Characterization Laboratory - **Henry Gong** – Telephone - 5-1981

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