

Safety Committee Fall 2019 Meeting

November 4, 2019

Attendees: Jim Corwin, Gabor Csathy (Chair), Bill Fornes, Abby Kopec, Rafael Lang, Ken Mueller, Bruce Poer, Sergei Savikhin, Mark Smith, Judah Young (REM)

Injury Report – There have been no reported injuries in 2019.

Close Calls – The committee reviewed close calls in the department.

1. In PRIME Lab, a closed vessel containing HF ruptured while under high heat. No one was injured. The spill was cleaned and procedures for heating sample containers were reviewed with PRIME Lab staff.
2. Laser lab doors are occasionally left open while the laser in use light is on. Doors are closed and procedures are reviewed with lab personnel.
3. A student was asleep on the floor in the hall near PHYS 217 and nearly kicked in the head by another student. The student was awakened and asked to move.

Integrated Safety Plan Renewal – The timeline for the Integrated Safety Plan recertification was reviewed. Self-audits were hand delivered in August. The safety committee completed walkthroughs on November 1, 2019 and will schedule the REM walkthrough for early January 2020.

Other Business

1. The safety committee will explore installing more benches in department hallways.
2. REM recommends that any food appliance used for research purposes in a lab (i.e., mixers, blenders, microwaves, etc.) be labeled as “Not for Food Use.”
3. An OSHA inspection of the Physics building will occur before the end of the year.

The next meeting will be in the spring 2020 semester.