

Memo: June 28, 2011

To: CUNY Environmental, Health and Safety Council

From: Howard Apsan

Re: Environmental, Health and Safety Council Meeting Minutes  
Kingsborough Community College, June 23, 2011

### **Opening**

The Environmental Health and Safety Council meeting was held at Kingsborough Community College June 23, 2011. The meeting was hosted by Fred Einerman, Environmental Health and Safety Officer at the college. Sheryce Woolery recorded the minutes and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by acclamation.

### **Updates**

The Council was reminded that hurricane season begins in the Atlantic on June 1 and ends on November 30. Council members were urged to familiarize themselves with the New York City's coastal storm plan.

Due to recent concerns, EHSOs were encouraged to maintain ongoing communication with the nurses and the health services departments on their campuses to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Fred Einerman will be retiring from Kingsborough Community College on June 30. He was acknowledged for his contribution to Kingsborough and for his service on the Environmental Health and Safety Council.

### **Environmental Compliance Update**

Upcoming audits in the fall are scheduled for Brooklyn College, Lehman College and Baruch College. An unscheduled audit will also be conducted in the fall. EHSOs are encouraged to volunteer by contacting Michael Spath, CUNY's Environmental Compliance Manager, at

[michael.spath@mail.cuny.edu](mailto:michael.spath@mail.cuny.edu).

Michael reported that the audits continue to identify compliance concerns and encouraged EHSOs to implement monitoring techniques so as to minimize risks on their campuses. EHSOs were also encouraged to visit SharePoint to familiarize themselves with audit information regarding all campuses.

### **Health & Safety Subcommittee Report**

Mel Rodriguez, Chair of the Health and Safety Subcommittee, discussed the possibility of conducting 10 hour and/or 30 hour OSHA training for EHSOs. Mel emphasized the importance of this training, particularly for construction projects on our campuses.

Kurt Klein, CUNY's Health and Safety Manager, provided a brief overview of an elevator safety seminar he attended at Queens College. He encouraged EHSOs to be attentive to issues that may arise due to elevator failure. The Committee is considering conducting similar training for all EHSOs.

### **Lab Safety Subcommittee Report**

The Council was apprised of a recent lab accident on one of our campuses. One of our safety obligations on our campuses is to ensure that all Principal Investigators and researchers receive adequate training. Richard Belgrave, Environmental Health and Safety Officer at City College, will ensure that this training issue is addressed at the next lab safety meeting and that the manual is updated accordingly.

### **Presentation**

**Chaitanya Bijoor, P.E., DEE, Senior Vice President, Warren & Panzer** provided an **“Overview of Petroleum Bulk Storage Tank Regulation,”** and the **“Impacts to CUNY on Sustainability, Energy and Carbon Footprint Initiatives.”** Mr. Bijoor highlighted the differences between Petroleum Bulk Storage (PBS) regulations for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Mr. Bijoor also provided a synopsis of the Petroleum Bulk Storage (PBS) Inspection Handbook and an overview of Queens College's sustainability initiatives. We thank Mr. Bijoor and his team from Warren & Panzer for this informative presentation.

### **EHS Newsletter**

Please continue to submit articles for upcoming issues of the EHS newsletter. Copies of recent newsletters may be found at, <http://www.cuny.edu/ehs>.

### **Upcoming Council Meeting**

The next EHSO Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the College of Staten Island, 2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island. The meeting

will be held in the Park Café Restaurant, Building 1C, 1st floor. **Dave Tompkins, Environmental Permitting and Planning Leader, Kleinfelder**, will present on **“The Marcellus Shale: Opportunities and Challenges.”**

**Adjournment**

The Council meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.