

Memo: March 27, 2009
To: New York Campus Environmental Resource (NYCER) Members
From: Howard Apsan
Re: NYCER Meeting Minutes
CUNY, 80th Street Central Office, February 23, 2009

Opening

The February NYCER meeting was held at CUNY 80th Street Central Office on February 23, 2009. Sheryce Woolery of CUNY Central recorded the minutes, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by acclamation.

Audits

Many colleges and universities have established internal auditing programs to ensure compliance and maintain practices developed for the EPA audit and disclosure agreements. Participants noted that unscheduled internal audits and spot inspections are especially valuable, as they prepare campuses for a successful response in the event of an unscheduled regulatory visit. Participants were encouraged to share their internal audit (planned or unannounced audit) efforts, as well as any regulatory enforcement experiences, with other NYCER members.

Presentation

The meeting continued with a presentation by **Robin Izzo, Associate Director, Environmental Health and Safety, Princeton University, on “The “New” EPA Lab Rule: What Every Campus Need To Know.** Robin examined the major provisions of the rule including the provision of clean-out once every 12 months without the clean-out impacting the generator status; development of a Lab Management Plan; and waste determination in laboratories. Robin cautioned that the lab rule has an "all or nothing" opt-in policy that does not allow institutions the opportunity to pick and choose the most advantageous parts of the new lab rule along with old rule. Schools interested in the rule should visit <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/generation/labwaste> . We thank Robin for an informative

and interesting presentation.

Updates in Brief

Persons interested in hosting a NYCER meeting on December 16, 2009, should contact Sheryce Woolery at (212) 794-5630 or sheryce.woolery@mail.cuny.edu. Additionally, anyone wishing to suggest a presentation topic and / or presenter is encouraged to contact Sheryce as well.

Upcoming Meetings

The May meeting will be held on Wednesday May 20, 2009, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Marymount Manhattan College, 221 East 71st Street, New York, NY 10021, 2nd floor, Regina Peruggi Room. The meeting will include a presentation by **Tom Baker, Director of Corporate Compliance, Environmental Services on Universal Waste, E-Waste and Batteries: Recent and Pending Rule Changes That Impact Your Institution's Compliance Programs.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.