

Memo: May 14, 2007

To: New York Campus Environmental Resource (NYCER) Members

From: Howard Apsan

Re: NYCER Meeting Minutes
The New School, March 26, 2007

Opening

The March NYCER meeting was held at The New School on March 26, 2007. The meeting began with a welcome by the host Timothy Sheldon, Environmental Health and Safety Officer at The New School. Sheryce Woolery of CUNY recorded the minutes. The minutes of the previous NYCER meeting were approved by acclamation.

Audits

EPA audits are still being conducted at a number of NYCER institutions. CUNY's Bronx Community College and The Borough of Manhattan Community College are due to conduct EPA audits this spring, while Rockefeller University is scheduled to complete its audit by September 2007.

New York University (NYU) will complete its 3-year audit program and multimedia agreement in March 2007. NYU is expecting a follow-up visit from the EPA at the completion of the agreement. Erik Talley, Director of Environmental Health and Safety at Weill Cornell, mentioned plans to re-audit Weill facilities in the spring, two years after the original audit.

Updates in Brief

The SEHSA Spring 2007 Conference will be held on April 26 and 27, 2007 at the CUNY Graduate Center (365 5th Avenue between 34th & 35th Streets). Activities will include a hands-on indoor air quality workshop and a regulatory update from EPA Region 2.

Presentation

The meeting continued with a presentation by **Sandy Camacho, Deputy Chief Inspector,**

Laboratory Unit, Fire Department, City Of New York on, Developments in the Lab Inspection Program and the Anticipated Changes to the New York City Fire Code.

Inspector Camacho briefed us on notices of violation, and the annual certification of fire extinguishers. He also addressed various revisions to the fire code, followed by a brief question and answer period. We thank Inspector Camacho for an informative presentation.

Upcoming Meetings

The June meeting of NYCER will be held on Tuesday, June 26 at the Rockefeller University, 1230 York Avenue (between 66 Street and York Avenue) in Manhattan. The meeting will be held in the Weiss Research Building, 17 floor Conference room from 12 pm to 2 pm, and will include a training presentation by Michele Noble, Woodard and Curran, on **Using a Systems Approach to Improve Health and Safety Performance and Compliance.**

Barnard College has offered to host the August 2007 meeting. All those able to host any 2007 NYCER meetings should contact Sheryce Woolery at (212) 794-5630 or at sheryce.woolery@mail.cuny.edu.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.