

Memo: August 28, 2008

To: New York Campus Environmental Resource (NYCER) Members

From: Howard Apsan

Re: NYCER Meeting Minutes
Columbia University, July 29, 2008

Opening

The July NYCER meeting was held at Columbia University's Manhattan campus on July 29, 2008. The meeting began with a welcome by Kathleen Crowley, Associate Vice President, EH&S at Columbia University. Sheryce Woolery of CUNY Central recorded the minutes, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by acclamation.

Audits

As part of their Environmental Management System, Columbia University will be conducting a third-party multi-media audit of its environmental programs this fall. The audit will address representative samples of locations, including labs, mechanical equipment rooms, maintenance shops and storage areas.

Several institutions have established the practice of internal audits to maintain compliance standards. Surprise internal audits are especially valuable, as they prepare campuses for success in the event of an unscheduled EPA visit. We encourage everyone to share their audit (and surprise audit) efforts, as well as any regulatory enforcement experiences, with other NYCER members.

Presentation

The meeting continued with a presentation by **Sandy Camacho, Deputy Chief Inspector, Laboratory Unit, FDNY**. Inspector Camacho focused on "**The New FDNY Fire Code for Laboratories.**" The lecture and follow-up discussion attempted to clarify new fire code rules and regulations as they apply to campus environmental health and safety activities. We thank

Inspector Camacho for an informative presentation.

Updates in Brief

The SEHSA 2008 Fall Conference will take place on October 19-23 at Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid, NY. Registration is now open, please visit <http://www.sesha.org/fall2008.html> .For more information you may contact Aldo Orlando at 718-951-5400.

Upcoming Meetings

The September meeting of NYCER will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at The City College of New York, Convent Avenue and 138th Street, New York, NY 10031. The meeting will be held in the NAC Building, Faculty Dining Room, 3rd floor, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a presentation by **Dave Wilson, Project Associate, O'Brien & Gere**, on **“Indoor Air Quality: Regulatory and Best Management Practice Considerations.”**

All those able to host future NYCER meetings 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.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.