

Memo: June 14, 2006

To: New York Campus Environmental Resource (NYCER) Members

From: Howard Apsan

Re: NYCER Meeting Minutes
St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, May 23, 2006

Opening

The May NYCER meeting was held at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center on May 23, 2006. Yvonne Guariglia, Director of Safety at Roosevelt Hospital, served as host of the meeting, and Karen Belin of CUNY recorded the minutes. The minutes of the previous NYCER meeting were approved by acclamation.

Yvonne opened the meeting by welcoming the NYCER members to St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital. The members then took a few moments to introduce themselves.

Audits

Shailendra Chainani, EHSO at John Jay, Steve Wu, EHSO at Baruch, and Yvonne Guariglia, Safety Director at Roosevelt Hospital, each discussed findings from their recent EPA audits. Joanne Lischin, Deputy Compliance Officer at Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) discussed preparations for HHC's upcoming audits, which will focus on long term and diagnostic care, school based programs, and satellite clinics.

Frank Schaefer, Assistant Director of Lab Safety and Environmental Health at Rockefeller University, mentioned that Rockefeller recently had a surprise lab inspection and RCRA program review by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Fortunately, the inspection resulted in no findings, demonstrating the benefits of continuous up-to-date recordkeeping and compliance management. Adam Steinman, Senior Vice President of Regulatory Compliance at Woodard & Curran, congratulated Frank for the uneventful inspection, and recommended that everyone be prepared for such DEC inspections, as they are becoming increasingly common.

Updates in Brief

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held its 2006 National Environmental Partnership Summit in Atlanta on May 8-11. John Gorman, Chief, Compliance Assistance Section, Region 2, acknowledged the New York Campus Environmental Resource (NYCER) consortium as a great example of productive, environmental collaboration within the academic arena, and extended his appreciation and best wishes for continued success.

Christopher Pettinato, Director of Environmental Safety Programs at Columbia University, distributed information for the 6th Annual Hazardous Waste Training Seminar, which will be held at Columbia University on July 20, 2006, from 8am to 5pm. All those interested in registering can contact Carmen Hoepelman at (212) 305-6780 or cgh4@columbia.edu by June 16, 2006.

Presentation: “Sustainable New York”

The meeting continued with a presentation by **Dr. Robert Kulikowski, Director, New York City Office of Environmental Coordination (NYC OEC)**, on the OEC’s recently published report titled, **“Sustainable New York City.”** Using case studies on sustainability, Dr. Kulikowski discussed the potential benefits of sustainable living and highlighted various projects currently being developed as part of a New York City sustainability initiative. We thank Dr. Kulikowski for his enlightening presentation and hope that he will update us on the success of the program.

Upcoming Meetings

The upcoming NYCER luncheon meeting will be held on July 25, 2006 at Vaughn College, at 86-01 23rd Avenue (& 90th Street), Flushing, New York, from 12 pm to 2 pm in Room 101-103 of the main building. The meeting will include a special presentation by **Dr. Isaac Weisfuse, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Disease Control, at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, on “New York City’s Pandemic Flu Preparedness.”**

The NYCER schedule for the balance of 2006 is as follows: September 26th at the law firm Hughes Hubbard and Reed, and November 14th at Weill Medical College of Cornell University. Details will follow as the meeting dates approach. All those interested in hosting any 2007 meetings should contact Karen Belin at (212) 794-5630 or at karen.belin@mail.cuny.edu.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.