

AGENDA

Environmental Health & Safety Subcommittee (EHSS)

01/14/2025 | 1:00 P.M. | B1130

1. **Call to order**

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Approve November Meeting Minutes
Approved

3. **Old Business:**

December Meeting Cancelled

New Business/Announcements

Continuing implementation of the Chemical Hygiene Plan

1. Announcement by Doug Wells

The Interim EHS policy signed by Dr. Walker on May 2nd is only good for one year. Available under policies on website. Please comment on it in the next few weeks. Then this will go to legal and then FSSC. Forward comments to Doug or Niki. Major concern was definition of labs. Time line of expiration is May 2nd. Should try to get to FSSC in February.

2. Laboratory Inspections

STEM Laboratory Inspections have been finished and notifications sent to P.I.

These inspections are in the corrective action mode and researchers are wrapping up their responses.

The top 3 violations reported were:

- *Chemical Inventory (EPA-RCRA: proper waste and storage documentation, NFPA: flammability and max quantities, HAZCOM: Communicate all hazards)*
- *Safety Data Sheets for lab (This can be uploaded within EHS or printed for lab). (HAZCOM)*
- *Chemicals not labeled appropriately. (HAZCOM and RCRA)*
- *Lab inspections will begin in Bayou at the end of the Month starting in locations not being renovated.*

There is a Glitch with reminders we are working on.

We thought it just needed to be online. On Site is for inspection but if you use it to update your inventory it will automatically store it for you.

Should other people/PI's get messages or reminders if more than one person? EHS can fix.

3. High Hazard Chemical Purchase Orders

The purchasing department is notifying EHS of all hazardous chemicals Identified in the Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP). (Recall UH System FY25 Annual COI and Procurement Module? Preapproval for requisitions with EHS was presented here.) Any time a High Hazard Chemical is requested through the purchasing system, EHS is now notified to approve it.

At a minimum, the below must be provided:

- Safety Data Sheet for the Chemical requested
- UHCL Safety Operation Procedures
- Chemical Hygiene Plan Acknowledgment form signed
- Any new High-Risk chemicals proposed to be purchased by UHCL will go to the Research Safety Committee for final approval. All Hazardous Materials, not limited to chemicals, are subject to review and approval by the Research Safety Committee (Serving as a Chemical Research Committee as mentioned in the CHP).

Will need chemical review form.

4. EHS Training

- Jan-New Students are enrolled in the required General Laboratory Training through Canvas.
- Jan-Advanced Laboratory Training Modules are being updated this semester for Summer/Fall Faculty 2025.
- FEB-WILDERNESS FIRST AID CANCELLED! REI has dissolved its training group partnerships.
- Dec-2024-Police Bloodborne Pathogens and CPR Training
- Dec-SPCC Training for FMC group

5. Other EHS Activities

- December/Jan: There was a mold abatement at Arbor North over the winter break that is completed.
- December/Jan: A small quantity of Asbestos (Thermal System Insulation) was removed due to a precaution of disturbance during a construction activity.
- January: EHS had a booth at the New Student Orientation. (Never attended before)
- January: The Health Center will carry additional Hepatitis B vaccines to assist EHS with accessibility after BBP Training events.
- Dec-Biohazard Waste Pick-up.

EHSS-Members

Voice to the Committee? Questions? Concerns?

FYI Students are having issues with CANVAS for training. Delays.

is SPCC training that is shown for Facilities? Oil spills.

Reminders

Notification: EHS Software EHSA

- Software is operational and on our website: <https://onsite.uhcl.edu/EHSA>
 - You must be registered in a lab to participate.
 - You can update inventory, add access, respond to inspections, etc.
 - Send an email to ehs@uhcl.edu with questions about access.

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Georgina Morena		William Amonette	
Niki Pearce			
Susan Ryan			
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