Smith Engineering Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024, via Teams Actual Time: 10:30 am 12:00 pm

Present:

Gabrielle Whan, Matthew Lee, Kyle Strike, John McKay, Peter Rowsome, Natalie Niro, Sandra Jeffers (for Dan Langham), Larry Steele, Ying Zhang (for Nic Hudon), Stephanie Wilson,

Tentative:

Matt Lee

Regrets:

Eric Tremblay, Graeme Boyd, Samantha Samson, Noushin Rajabalinia.

1) Meeting called to order by: John McKay

2) Incident/Injury Reports: None

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vi) Update on 385 Princess mold issue. – Done. Waiting for final report. T. Martinek will recommend future testing.

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- (a) Pressurized water, carbon dioxide, and wet chemical extinguishers: Require hydrostatic testing every 5 years
- (b) **Dry chemical extinguishers**: Require hydrostatic testing every 12 years
- (2) Fire extinguishers should also be annually inspected to ensure they are in good condition and ready to use. Annual inspections include:
 - (a) Checking the extinguisher's location to ensure it's in the correct place
 - (b) Inspecting for damage, corrosion, or a blocked nozzle
 - (c) Checking the manufacturing date
 - (d) Ensuring the operating procedures and WHMIS labels are present
 - (e) Checking that the gauges are properly charged
 - (f) Determining if any maintenance is required
- (3) Fire extinguishers should also be "quick checked" monthly to ensure they are available, in the correct location, and not tampered with
- iv) None of the COVID HEPA filters are being serviced. Do we dispose of them? Most have not been running for over a year? This is being reviewed. Eh&S is looking for an update.
- v) Bulletin on Bats All depts received and distributed
- vi) Are stickers still required in spaces that have (new) phones? There are no stickers in place in McLaughlin Hall for these phones. What is the protocol for the posters? Yes. Should be in place.
- vii) Use of Isopropyl alcohol need a protocol for lab use Natalie Niro has presented a protocol for this and other fluxes used in electrical labs. Many thanks. J. McKay will pass this to EH&S for review and will pass on next steps at the next meeting.
- 3) Next Meeting Date: November 20, 2024, via Teams at 10:30-12:00 pm
- 4) Adjourned by"

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Larry Steele, Co-Chair