Memo: November 20, 2013

To: CUNY Environmental Health and Safety Officer Council

From: Howard Apsan

Re: Environmental Health and Safety Officer Council Meeting Minutes
Borough of Manhattan College, November 14, 2013

Opening
The Environmental Health and Safety Officer Council meeting was held at Borough of Manhattan Community College on November 14, 2013 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Martin Levine, Environmental Health and Safety Director at Borough of Manhattan Community College, welcomed the Council. Patrick Guerdat of the Office of Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk Management recorded the minutes, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by acclamation.

Updates
Hurricane Season
The 2013 Atlantic hurricane season is almost over and none of the coastal storms has caused significant damage to New York City. The tragic impact of the recent typhoon that struck the Philippines reminds us of the significance of our planning and training efforts.

Flu Season
Signs promoting flu prevention measures have been printed in several languages by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH). Additional information is available on the City’s flu website, www.nyc.gov/flu.

EPA inspection
York College had an unexpected inspection by the EPA in October. Ching See Chan, Environmental Health and Safety Director at York College, reported that no violations were found, although the EPA inspector offered suggestions to improve chemical storage management.

LiveSmart program at NYU
NYU’s LiveSmart program provides information on flu, nutrition, smoking, stress and many other topics relevant to campus life. Please visit the LiveSmart website, http://www.nyu.edu/employees/life-wellness/livesmart.html, to learn more about the program and its possible applicability for CUNY campuses.

Audits
Three of four fall 2013 audits have been completed. An unscheduled audit remains to be conducted. Volunteers to assist with the audits should contact Michael Spath at Michael.spath@cuny.edu.

Fire Code Update
Kurt Klein, Health and Safety Manager, has been serving as the CUNY liaison to the FDNY for the past two years, and has been representing the University in Code Change process. Hearings will be held at the City Council on November 21.
Health and Safety Committee
Aldo Orlando, Environmental Health and Safety Director at Brooklyn College, informed the Council that the Committee is developing a list of resources on addressing mold. He also reminded the council that the deadline for completing HAZCOM training is December 1st. Any questions regarding this training should be directed to Aldo Orlando at aldo.orlando@cuny.edu.

Environmental Compliance Committee
Mohamed Bangura, Environmental Health and Safety Director at Medgar Evers College, reported that the Committee plans to meet later this month.

Lab Safety Committee
Richard Belgrave, Environmental Health and Safety Director at City College of New York, announced that the Committee will be holding a special meeting this month to discuss lab safety training.

SEHSA Fall Conference
Mel Rodriguez, Environmental Health and Safety Director at Queensborough Community College, reported on the SEHSA Fall Conference. The conference agenda and proceedings are available at http://www.sehsa.org/fall2013.html.

Presentation
Beth Nivin, Research Scientist from The Bureau of Communicable Diseases at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, gave a presentation titled “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Influenza, And More.” The Council would like to thank Beth for a very interesting and informative presentation.

Upcoming Meetings
The next EHSO Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2013 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the Bronx Zoo, 2300 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, in the Center for Global Conservation, located at the Fordham Road Gate.

Jacob Trevino, Scientific Cleanroom Director, The City University Of New York (CUNY), will give a presentation titled “An Introduction to the CUNY Advanced Science Research Center.”

Adjournment
The Council meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.