Memo: March 4, 2014

To: CUNY Environmental Health and Safety Officer Council

From: Howard Apsan

Re: Environmental Health and Safety Officer Council Meeting Minutes
York College, February 13, 2014

Opening
The Environmental Health and Safety Officer Council meeting was held at York College on February 13, 2014 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Ching See Chan, Environmental Health and Safety Officer, 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
Flu Season
The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) reported on January 25 that influenza activity in NYC remains elevated with influenza-like illness visits at 3.2% of all weekly visits, which is above the national baseline. All EHS officers are reminded to check that flu preparedness posters are still up on their campuses.

Winter Preparedness
The memo concerning closures for snow and other emergencies was revised on January 21. When public schools are closed, CUNY will make a system-wide decision to close, stay open or adjust opening or closing times. A copy of the memo, which addresses a number of weather-related issues, can be found on the sharepoint site https://ehsrm.cuny.edu/default.aspx.

Super Bowl
Many events and concerts took place at CUNY campuses in the week leading to the Super Bowl. To address security concerns and prepare for any potential incident, certain CUNY campuses were designated as family assistance centers and emergency shelters. An article describing CUNY’s partnership with the OEM in preparation for these events was published by the University Risk Management and Insurance Association (URMIA). A copy of the article can be found on the EHSRM website http://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/ehsrm/URMIAArticleSuperbowl.pdf.

Health and Safety Committee
Aldo Orlando, Environmental Health and Safety Officer at Brooklyn College, reported that the Committee is continuing to work on developing a mold guideline revision, and will share it with the Council members for their input once it’s finalized.

Environmental Compliance Committee
Michael Spath, Environmental Compliance Manager, discussed the need for campuses to perform waste determinations more consistently throughout CUNY. He also mentioned that the ISO 14000 Environmental Management System Standards is currently under review. Finally, Michael spoke about changes in aboveground storage tanks compliance.
**Lab Safety Committee**
Richard Belgrave, Environmental Health and Safety Officer at The City College of New York, reported that the 2014 revision of the CUNY Lab Safety Manual is currently in its final draft. He also discussed preparations for the upcoming radiation safety training program.

**SEHSA Fall Conference**
Mel Rodriguez, Environmental Health and Safety Officer at Queensborough Community College, informed the Council that registration for the Spring 2014 conference is open and that speakers are being solicited. The conference is scheduled for April 27-29, 2014, in Corning, NY, and CUNY officers are encouraged to attend and present.

**Upcoming Meeting**
The next EHSO Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at 205 East 42nd Street, in the 7th Floor Conference Room.

**Michael Sepe, Project Manager, AARCO Environmental Services,** will give a presentation titled “Tank Testing: Ensuring Compliance Reliably and Efficiently.”

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