Memo: January 28, 2013

To: CUNY Environmental Health and Safety Officer Council

From: Howard Apsan

Re: Environmental Health and Safety Officer Council Meeting Minutes
Queens College, January 9, 2013

Opening
The Environmental Health and Safety Officer Council meeting was held at Queens College on January 9, 2014 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. William Graffeo, Director of Environmental Health and Safety, 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 NYC DOHMH reported that influenza activity is increasing in NYC. Influenza-like-illness visits are at 3% of all weekly visits, which is above the national baseline. Flu vaccines for the campuses were received on December 4. All environmental health and safety officers are reminded to continue efforts to minimize influenza risk.

Meningitis
More than 5,200 students and staff received their first dose of the meningitis B vaccine at Princeton University in December. A second dose will be administered in February, as per protocol.

Winter Preparedness
Winter storm “Hercules” arrived on January 3rd, covering the region with up to 11 inches of snow. Governor Cuomo declared a state of emergency in New York and classes were canceled at all CUNY campuses. With the extreme cold temperatures, all campuses should pay particular attention to prevent frozen water pipes and other winter hazards.

Super Bowl
A series of Super Bowl events will take place in New York between Wednesday, January 29th and Saturday, February 1st. Street closures and delivery restrictions can be found on the OEM Partners in Preparedness website http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/businesses/partnersinprep.shtml. CUNY campuses will be hosting several events as well.

Health and Safety Committee
Aldo Orlando, Environmental Health and Safety Officer at Brooklyn College, informed the Council that the Committee plans to finish its mold guidelines revision in March. He also mentioned that OSHA is currently revising the workplace injuries and illness rules.
Environmental Compliance Committee
Mohamed Bangura, Environmental Health and Safety Officer at Medgar Evers College, announced that the Committee will assist campuses preparing for an upcoming audit. He also discussed the recent revisions to the ISO 14000 Environmental Management System Standards.

Lab Safety Committee
Richard Belgrave, Environmental Health and Safety Officer at The City College of New York, mentioned that a revised draft of the Lab Safety Manual was distributed in electronic form, and that any questions or comments may be addressed to Richard at richard.belgrave@ccny.cuny.edu.

SEHSA Fall Conference
Mel Rodriguez, Environmental Health and Safety Officer at Queensborough Community College, reported that the Spring 2014 conference has been scheduled for April 27-29, 2014, in Corning, NY. Specific information on the conference will be available on the SEHSA website shortly.

Presentation
Michael Spath, CUNY Environmental Compliance Manager, Office of Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk Management, gave a presentation titled “Petroleum Bulk Storage Compliance Issues.” The Council would like to thank Michael for helping us understand the changes that we will have to make to ensure continued compliance. A copy of the presentation can be found on the EHS SharePoint site, https://ehsrn.cuny.edu/.

Upcoming Meetings
The next EHSO Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2014 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at York College, 94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Jamaica, NY, Academic Core Building, Faculty Dining Room. For parking, please contact Ching See Chan at chanc@york.cuny.edu.

Patrick Flynn, Environmental Consultant and Air Quality Specialist at Kleinfelder, will give a presentation titled “Campus Clean Air Act Compliance: The New Boiler MACT Rules.”

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