Date: December 10, 2013

To: New York Campus Environmental Resource (NYCER) Members

From: Howard Apsan

Re: NYCER Meeting Minutes
The City University of New York, September 10, 2013

Opening
The September NYCER meeting was held at The City University of New York’s headquarters at 205 East 42nd Street in Manhattan on September 10, 2013 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Krystal Laymon of CUNY Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk Management recorded the minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by acclamation. NYCER members are encouraged to visit http://www.cuny.edu/nycer for information and updates.

Updates
Hurricane Season
Training for coastal storms is ongoing and New York City campuses are encouraged to ensure that they are prepared if and when a storm hits the city. Members of NYCER are suggested to review the Mayor’s new Resiliency Plan and become familiar with any initiatives that may apply to them.

Audits
There have been several audits performed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on campuses in New York City and it is anticipated that there will be more in the future. NYCER members shared their experiences with recent regulatory inspections. There was also discussion of how campuses insure that regulations and requirements are met and that their procedures are up to date.

UCLA’s Laboratory Fatality
UCLA Professor Patrick Harran’s trial on three felony counts of violating workplace safety standards in the death of Sheharbano Sangji, a research assistant killed in a laboratory fire in 2008, is scheduled for November. This case could set a precedent for holding university researchers liable for unsafe laboratory practices.
Fall SEHSA Conference
The Fall SEHSA conference will be held in the Honors Haven Resort, in Ellenville, NY, from October 20 to 23, 2013. A number of NYCER members will be attending, and some will present on issues of mutual interest.

Presentation
Rose Weissman, Senior Project Manager at Kleinfelder, provided a presentation on "Updated New York State Tank Regulations: What it Means for You." Rose provided a thorough overview on tank regulations. We thank Rose for her informative presentations.

Upcoming Meetings
Pace University will host the upcoming NYCER meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Meeting Room A of the Student Union, 1 Pace Plaza, New York, NY 10038. Don Weiss, Director of Surveillance at Bureau of Communicable Disease, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, will provide a presentation on “Meningococcal Disease in College Students.”

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.