Date: February 20, 2013
To: New York Campus Environmental Resource (NYCER) Members
From: Howard Apsan
Re: NYCER Meeting Minutes
The City University of New York, December 11, 2012

Opening
The December NYCER meeting was held at The City University of New York’s Research Foundation Building at 230 West 41st Street, in Manhattan on December 11, 2012 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Jennifer Long 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.

College Updates
Post-Sandy Updates
NYCER colleges, universities, and hospitals faced many challenges during Hurricane Sandy. Larron Win, Assistant Director of Environmental Health and Safety at St. John's University reported that the science building and dorms lost power. Rockefeller University experienced flooding. Several CUNY schools experienced flooding and power loss. NYCER members also provided shelters and participated in post-Sandy cleanup.

Post-Sandy Agency Inspections
Rockefeller University and LaGuardia Community College were visited by EPA inspectors in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The inspectors indicated that there was a plan to conduct many post-Sandy visits.

FDNY Off-Hours Laboratory Inspections
FDNY will be conducting off-hours inspections of laboratories. The FDNY reminded members that laboratories should be well maintained, records should be in good order, and a current C-14 holder must be present while lab work takes place.

Seasonal Flu Warning
This flu season has been surprisingly severe, with higher-than-expected rates of reported influenza. NYCER members were reminded to re-post signage and to encourage flu vaccination and good hygiene practices among students, staff and faculty members. The Flu Vaccine Locator can be accessed on the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s website, https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/DispensingSiteLocator/mainView.do.
Scaffold and Rigging Training at John Jay College
Lindsey Kayman, Director of Environmental Health and Safety at John Jay College, announced that John Jay College will be hosting a 32-hour scaffold erector training course, a 4-hour scaffold user’s class, and a one-day training seminar on rigging for theater personnel. All will be held in January at John Jay College. Those interested in attending may contact Lindsey at lkayman@jjay.cuny.edu.

Updates
2012 Tier II Annual Reports
Michael Spath, Environmental Compliance Manager at CUNY, reminded those in attendance that “2012 Tier II Annual Reports” are due on March 1, 2013. Everyone was encouraged to visit the NYC DEP website for information about Tier II filling, http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/businesses/tier2.shtml.

2012 SEHSA Fall Conference
Mel Rodriguez, Director of Environmental Health and Safety at Queensborough Community College and SEHSA Board member, reminded those in attendance that registration for the 2013 SEHSA Spring Conference is now open. The Spring Conference will be held in Ithaca, New York from April 14 to 16. The keynote speaker will be James Gibson, Director of the Office of Environmental Health & Safety at UCLA. For additional information, please visit http://www.sehsa.org/upcomingevents.html

Presentation
The meeting continued with a presentation by Douglas J. Heath, Training Unit Leader, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on “Sheltering from the Storm - Observations from Hurricane Sandy.” Douglas discussed the challenges and best practices for managing a shelter in a college and university setting. We thank Douglas for his thorough presentation.

Upcoming Meetings
Mount Sinai Medical Center will host the upcoming NYCER meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in Room 19-79 of the Annenberg Building at 1468 Madison Avenue (at East 101st Street). Lauren Brust, Director of Commercial Building Energy Services, Steven Winter Associates, will provide a presentation on “Local Law 87: Energy Audits and Retro-Commissioning.”

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.