Date: July 19, 2010

To: New York Campus Environmental Resource (NYCER) Members

From: Howard Apsan

Re: NYCER Meeting Minutes
The City College of New York, June 15, 2010

Opening

The June NYCER meeting was held at The City College of New York (CCNY) on June 15, 2010. Richard Belgrave, CCNY’s Director of Environmental Health and Safety, hosted the meeting and welcomed everyone. Lisa Staiano-Coico, President of City College, also welcomed everyone and thanked the EH&S Officers for their continued efforts. Sheryce Woolery of CUNY Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk Management recorded the minutes, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by acclamation.

Audits and Regulatory Inspections

The City University of New York (CUNY) has been conducting inspections for Petroleum Bulk Storage (PBS) tank compliance. Michael Spath, CUNY’s Environmental Compliance Manager, reported that he has been working with Brian Falvey, Environmental Engineer with the Division of Environmental Remediation at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), who has been inspecting all CUNY facilities for PBS compliance. Michael reported that the responses to the tank inspections are being implemented and invited NYCER members to contact him at michael.spath@mail.cuny.edu for more information.

Long Island University (LIU), Brooklyn Campus has been experiencing numerous New York City Fire Department (FDNY) laboratory inspections. The inspectors focused on a number of issues, including proper signage, posting of no smoking signs, annual inspection of safety showers, monthly inspection of fire extinguishers, and certificates of fitness (C14) documentation. The inspector also instructed LIU to place new packages (in cardboard boxes) on tables or on a laboratory cart rather than on the floor.
Additionally, LIU plans to undertake several construction and renovation projects this summer. Michael Ng, LIU’s Environmental Health and Safety Manager, will provide an update at September’s meeting.

**Presentation**


**Updates in Brief**

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) offered to work with New York City colleges and universities to open “closed PODs” for faculty, staff, students, and families. Closed PODs are sites which are staffed and operated by colleges and universities to provide potentially life-saving medication and/or vaccines to their communities in the event of a widespread public health emergency. DOHMH will provide technical support and guidance to interested schools, including site visits, training, and the development of operational and staffing plans in advance of an incident. For more information, please contact Ryan McKay at 212-676-8467 or rmckay@health.nyc.gov.

Columbia University will be hosting the 10th Annual Hazardous Waste Training Seminar on Wednesday July 21st, 2010 at the Hammer Health Sciences Center (Library) located at 701 West 168th Street, Room 401. For more information please contact Lauren Kelly at lk2292@mail.cumc.columbia.edu.

Upcoming NYCER 2010 meetings are scheduled for: September 15 and December 14. Those able to host NYCER meetings in 2011 should contact Sheryce Woolery at (212) 794-5630 or sheryce.woolery@mail.cuny.edu. Anyone wishing to suggest a specific presentation topic or presenter is also encouraged to contact Sheryce.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2010, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at LaGuardia Community College, Building E, Room 500, 31-10 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City, NY, 11101. There will be a presentation by Josh Sarett, President ALC Environmental Inc., on “New York City Local Law 1 of 2004 and EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting Final Rule.”

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.