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1987 Safety and Housekeeping Committee Activities

ABSTRACT

The following activities of the Safety and Housekeeping committee are reviewed:

1. Site tours.
2. Bimonthly Safety and Housekeeping Award.
3. Long-term storage of chemicals in buildings 104 and 109.
4. Disposal of laboratory chemical wastes.

Three special projects undertaken by the committee are also discussed:

1. Guidelines for site tours.
2. An inspection schedule for the community chemical refrigerators in building 130.
3. A satellite storage area for the chemical wastes generated in the laboratories.

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INTRODUCTION

The activities of the Safety and Housekeeping committee during 1987 are reviewed. The first four topics in the discussion cover the established duties of the committee:

1. Site tours.
2. Bimonthly Safety and Housekeeping Award.
3. Long-term storage of chemicals in buildings 104 and 109.
4. Disposal of laboratory chemical wastes.

The last three topics in the discussion cover three special projects undertaken by the committee:

1. Guidelines for site tours.
2. An inspection schedule for the community chemical refrigerators in building 130.
3. A satellite storage area for the chemical wastes generated in the laboratories.

DISCUSSION

Site Tours

The building 130 and high pressure laboratories were inspected by members of the Safety and Housekeeping committee in January, March, May, July, September, and November. The most frequent citations from these tours were:

1. Flammables kept outside of flammables cabinets - 39.
2. Missing Celmis labels - 39.
3. Unlabeled washbottles, polyjugs, and samples - 17.
4. Acids and bases stored together - 9.

The pilot plant and maintenance areas were inspected by the Safety and Housekeeping committee in February, April, June, August, October, and December. The most frequent citations from these tours were:

1. Blocked or missing fire extinguishers - 11.
2. Faulty equipment, eg. broken safety guards on tools - 7.
3. Incorrectly stored personnel protective equipment -6.

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The Safety and Housekeeping committee also assisted in planning and conducting the monthly follow-up tours taken by the Management Safety committee.

A detailed inspection of the drum storage area for the laboratories was conducted in May. Drums that were on the racks were properly labeled and in good condition. However, there were problems due to some drums not being on racks and not being properly labeled. Recommended corrective actions were to enforce the drum storage policy and provide additional drum storage space (1).

Bimonthly Safety and Housekeeping Award

The following groups received the Bimonthly Safety and Housekeeping Award in recognition of their extra efforts in maintaining a safe and orderly workplace:

January-February	Lab 285
March-April	Lab 286
May-June	X-Ray Labs
July-August	Electronics Systems Lab
September-October	Machine Shop
November-December	Process Analyzer Lab

Long-Term Chemical Storage in Buildings 104 and 109

Lan Shen oversaw the use of the long-term chemical storage areas in buildings 104 and 109 during 1987. The Ibuprofen and Durel® projects have made extensive use of the chemical storage room in building 109. After the transfer of the Durel® project, the Durel® samples were removed. There was little change in the inventory for the catalyst storage room in building 104.

Disposal of Laboratory Chemical Wastes

Three drums were filled with solid catalyst for disposal. The inventories of these lab packs were forwarded to the Environmental Coordinator. A total of fifteen drums have been filled by the Safety and Housekeeping committee over the past four years and are waiting for disposal.

Guidelines for Site Tours

The committee collected and published guidelines for the site tours (2). The guidelines were grouped under the following headings:

Chemicals
Housekeeping
Equipment
Facilities

For each heading, a number of specific items that the committee members look for while conducting their tours were listed.

Refrigerator Inspections

A schedule of responsibility for inspection of the chemical refrigerators available for public use in building 130 was drawn up and distributed (3). The chemicals in the refrigerators are checked for flammability rating, labeling, and age.

Satellite Storage Area

A satellite storage area for the chemical wastes generated in the laboratories was constructed northeast of the high pressure laboratory (4). The Safety and Housekeeping committee, under the direction of the Environmental Coordinator, will oversee the use of this storage area (5).

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