

## **ADDENDUM #1**

### **HSE Report University of British Columbia, Okanagan Health and Safety Committee May 2010**

#### 1. Emergency Exercise

The first full-scale emergency exercise for the Okanagan campus was held May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The valuable exercise involved over 70 participants and observers from internal and external agencies. The scenario scripted a simulated fire (later resulting in suspected arson) in the Similkimeen Residence Building that was further complicated by a contractor striking a gas line north of the building. The onsite response was led by Campus Security, Kelowna Fire Department, RCMP, and BC Ambulance Service. The site was further supported by full activation of the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and Policy Group. Four students acted as casualties and UBC O TV acted as the media. Live media was also present during the exercise.

#### 2. New HSE Advisor Hired

Cherie Michels, has joined our team as the new HSE Advisor. Cherie was a previous biological sciences instructor at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) and will now be initially involved in the laboratory review program, training, and hygiene (indoor air quality) related issues for the Okanagan campus.

#### 3. Green Research Student Hired

Caitlyn Liberto was hired by HSE as a work study student to investigate the possibility of replacing high volume waste producing experiments with "green experiments". If the study is successful, it will result in the replacement/introduction of four new experimental procedures to first, second and third year chemistry courses during the winter semester. Funds for this project were provided by the Fisher Scientific Green Research Fund.

#### 4. Confined Space Inventory

HSE is working closely with Facilities Management and IT Services to re-review/identify new confined space locations (interior/exterior), classify each space based on hazard, and develop safe work procedures and emergency protocols to ensure worker/contractor safety. A confined space is an area that is enclosed (or partially enclosed), is not designed or intended for continuous human occupancy, has limited or restricted means of entry or exit that may complicate the provision of first aid, evacuation, rescue or other emergency response service, and is large enough so that a worker could enter. The project will be completed over the course of the summer.

#### 5. Courses Offered

- Injury Prevention/Ergonomics education series (presented to Facilities Management)
- WHMIS

- Fire Safety (GSAs)
- First Aid (OFA1)
- Understanding Substance Abuse Workshop (Health Promotion)

6. Courses Upcoming/Seminar

- Walk/Run of Life – May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Fire Safety Training for Emergency Wardens – June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Supervisor Safety – June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Unsolved Industrial Hygiene Mysteries – June 15<sup>th</sup>

7. Incidents/Investigations

HSE worked with Facilities Management to assess concerns regarding rodent activity in the portables. The assessment generated the completion of a numerous recommendations which will ultimately strengthen pest control and worker protection when entering spaces that could be infested by rodents.

8. Statistics (April 1, 2010 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010)

First Aid Statistics:

Total staff reports (not including contractors) =	2
a. Sports & recreational injuries	0
b. Work-related (sprain, strain, cut, contusion, bruise)	2
c. Internal & other	0
d. Non-work related (sprains, strains, cuts, contusions)	0

WCB Claims

Total Claims =	0 (with 1 pending WCB decision)
Healthcare only	0
Time loss & Healthcare	0
Pending decision	0

Ergonomics Report

Total = 1 (0 RTW; 1 prevention; 0 follow up)

Return to Work Report

There are currently 2 active cases in the return to work program, this case is Non-occupational. In addition there are 6 active IRP cases, creating a total workload of 8 active cases for the RTW program.