Health and Safety Committee 10 Meeting
August 18th, 2014

Present: Achim Nicklis (AN), April Huff (AH), Craig Staude (CS), David Warren (DW), David Zuckerman (DZ), Deborah Malarek (DM), Eileen Herman (EH), Jon Wittouck (JW), Kathy Newell (KN), Jenifer Moreland (JM)

Called to order by DZ. AN taking notes.

- Meeting minutes from 7/21/2014 approved
- DZ reports on the insect sting season in the Arboretum, which is of concern to people with allergies to insect stings. DZ explains the Epi-Pen (a first-aid for people with allergies, it administers epinephrine), and tells us about immunotherapy to reduce allergic reactions in individuals. Arboretum staff is scouting for nests of wasps and hornets and other stinging insects so visitors can avoid the area. Single doses of Benadryl are allowed in first aid kits, but are only for self-administration by the stung person. An emergency room visit oftentimes is necessary after people with allergies are treated with Benadryl or an Epi-Pen as a first measure. DZ recommends to file an OARS report for insect stings. Proper documentation can lead to successful L&I claims.
  - 2014-07-020 closed
  - 2014-07-025 closed
  - 2014-07-038 closed
  - 2014-07-044 closed
  - 2014-07-045 closed
  - 2014-07-047 closed
  - 2014-07-048 closed
  - 2014-07-049 closed
  - 2014-07-050 closed
  - 2014-07-054 closed; CS will send additional info to EA
  - 2014-07-087 closed

- EA reports from the U-wide meeting about the re-organization and improvement to the current OARS system. Case in point are insect stings which currently can not be classified properly along with knife cuts and other injuries. She asks for the group’s input to collect types of injuries we deal with. The accident reporting form OSHA 300 will not
contain anymore the supervisor’s input of treatment location or the name of the physician. The info will now be collected by risk management.

- **EA:** Asbestos training is for new employees and for employees whose work might expose them to asbestos. It is not an annual requirement anymore for staff who doesn’t deal with asbestos exposure risk as part of their job.

- **DZ and CS** report of safety inspections of the Arboretum facilities and the Friday Harbor labs, respectively.

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**Addendum:**

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