

**Health and Safety Committee 10  
Meeting Minutes**

April 19, 2021 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Ocean Sciences Building 203

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\*X=Present at meeting

Meeting notes recorded by JM.

**Agenda**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes
3. EH&S Presentation – Eleanor Wade
4. OARS Reports – March
5. U-Wide Report and Open discussion
6. Adjourn

**1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Approved March minutes.

**3. EH&S Presentation** – Eleanor Wade – Safety Concerns on the R/V Thompson

* There have been reports of the “Thompson taste”, like petroleum
* The taste got worse when the R/V was in South Africa. There was some evidence of isocyanates and other insulation-related compounds
* GasMet GT500 Tetra was used to help with the sample analysis
  + Takes 60 second samples to take air measurements. Took these throughout the freezer once the freezer was emptied
* First visit: October 2020 – there was a wide variety of different compounds
  + Petroleum like odor
  + Nothing significant in the bulk samples from the head space
  + Recommendation: leave freezer door closed and make sure no one goes in there for about a week
* Second visit: November 2020 – odor was very strong, very noticeable
  + Didn’t find any significant fuel components
  + Found Isophorone
  + Recommendation: refrigerator component be inspected for leaks, reseal all steel panels
  + Third visit: December 2020
    - Port engineer was able to find a carbon filter
    - Recommendation: continue collecting samples, no observable odor
* What’s happening now?
  + Currently in St. Thomas, will return to Seattle in July 2021
  + A freezer box was added as well, and a chest freezer was installed too
  + Are advancing timeline to replace freezer filter
* Questions:
  + Resources for indoor air quality?
    - EW: [Indoor Air Quality](https://www.ehs.washington.edu/environmental/indoor-air-quality) page on the EH&S website

**4. OARS Reports**

* + 08-021 – R/V Carson sitting on bottom, then moved to bottom at low tide – open
  + 03-029 – Walking on pedestrian bridge, slipped and fell on ice, no de-icer - closed
  + 03-034 – Flossing teeth, a portion of upper molar became dislodged – closed
  + 03-065 – Pulled back while lifting heavy box – closed
  + 03-072 – Patient injured themselves while working out during quarantine - closed

**5. U-Wide Report and Discussion**

U-Wide Report

* UW Field Safety Manual – now posted on EH&S website
* COVID-19 update
  + Spring break surge
  + Check the vaccination guidance – this is continually evolving
    - A person is considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after the second dose
* Next month: OARS reports will be discontinued being sent as PDFS, will now be stored on the EH&S Dashboard
* There has been a request for EH&S to release safe work-from-home guidance
* There is a new chemical container webpage on the EH&S website

Discussion

* Can anyone attend the UWIDE meetings?
  + Yes, but please email Sonia ahead of time
* EH&S Lab Safety surveys and lab safety checks
  + EH&S makes an effort to rotate the reviewers to keep surveys consistent

**5. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm