

# Committee on Chemical Safety Partnerships Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 6, 2003

**Chemical Safety Manual for Small Businesses** – Ken Fivizzani has assumed responsibility to complete this manual.

It was suggested once the manual is completed other non-chemistry based organizations not normally considered should be sent sample copies including the American Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

## **Mercury Manual**

Once completed, it was suggested to send a copy of the publication to the American Dental Association.

## ***Safety in Academic Chemistry Laboratories (SACL)***

*SACL* has caused some confusion differentiating the 2 volumes. The next printing should be changed to provide 2 distinctly different colors for the covers of the two volumes.

## **Biological and Radiological Hazards for Chemists**

Partnerships should be sought with other organizations to create publications informing chemists of both biological and radiological hazards.

- Erik Talley will initiate communication with the American Biological Safety Association.
- Al Hazari will initiate communication with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Wayne Wolsey will initiate the appropriate radiation safety contacts.

## **Pregnant Workers in Laboratories**

A pregnancy in labs issue has been raised to the Committee. Al Hazari shared the policy in general chemistry laboratories given to all students which includes information for all pregnant and potentially pregnant students. This information may want to be considered for use by the Committee. The statement is as follows:

“Requirements for completion of this chemistry course necessitate that each student handles or uses certain chemicals. Some of these may have an adverse affect on the health of a fetus. This is especially true for the first trimester of pregnancy, but later trimesters of pregnancy are susceptible as well. The current state of knowledge of the effects of chemicals on pregnancies is such that we cannot clearly state that any given chemical is completely safe, while another is not safe. Although protective equipment and lab procedures are designed to minimize contact with all chemicals in this lab, some exposure is possible. If pregnant, you are advised to consult with a physician regarding the completion of this course at this time. A list of chemicals will be furnished to you physician upon request to Dr. Hazari.”

## **Project SEED**

Cherlynlavaughan Bradley updated the subcommittee on the success of Project SEED. It was also confirmed copies of both volumes of SACL were forwarded to the program office and were subsequently forwarded to mentors. The Committee has not received any comments on SACL from Project SEED participants. Larry Funke will follow up to request feedback.

## **Safety Education Resource List (K-12)**

Erik Talley has been assigned to create a resource web page on materials related to K-12 education and related safety issues. Assistance is being sought for appropriate links. Jean Delfiner agreed to look into appropriate partners for this information which could include agencies such as NEA and the NSTA.