

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF EARTH, OCEAN and ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES

EOAS/ESB LOCAL SAFETY TEAM
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 11th, 2021

Zoom Room

9:00am – 10:00am

Present: Roger Beckie (Chair), Anne-Martine Doucet (Graduate Student Representative), Rozalia Mate (PIMS), Brian Hunt, Bethany Ladd, Kimberly Tietjen (Secretary), Peggy Ng (Statistics), Kevin Lin (Data Science), Marc Bustin, Tim Morgan

Regrets: Kate Blackburn (Dean's Office)

Action Items:

- **Meeting called to order:** 9:01 AM

Adoption of previous Safety Committee Meeting Minutes:

Approved: Brian Hunt

Seconded: Roger Beckie

1. ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORTS:

- PN advised that back in mid-April, a graduate program applicant had managed to gain access to ESB, likely by following someone else in when they entered the building. The department head was able to negotiate a calm exit. TM agreed that personal safety is very important, especially while working alone during COVID as the buildings are only as safe as the users allow them to be.

2. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Process for Review and Approval of Fieldwork: Review of Document Drafts
 - BL and A-MD created a comprehensive manual to assist with filling out the fieldwork forms as supplemental information and reference material.
 - RB advised that on Thursday (May 13th) the field safety protocol will be presented to the JOHSC. If they approve the workflow, the next steps would be to put it online and contact other fieldwork researchers on campus to get them involved. The goal would be to create a comprehensive online checklist that is as simple as possible for the PI's.
- EOAS Website Safety Section
 - There is motion to get Safety & Equity, Diversity and Inclusion on the webpage with its own menu to make it easier for people to find.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- Testing & Maintenance of Equipment
 - MB commented that testing and maintenance of instruments, particularly X-Ray machines, to make sure they are safe and in working order should be more of a priority than it currently is. RB will contact SRS to find out what their recommendation is. A-MD indicated that SRS would also be able to assist with radiation safety.

➤ Fieldwork Abroad

- RB advised that there is a potential opportunity for fieldwork in Bolivia that will require a lot more consideration in terms of safety. TM noted that we will only be the first group to look at the fieldwork request, but it will go through several more stages. Insurance is a major issue in cases like these, especially in times of COVID. COVID may invalidate any insurance entirely. BH recommended having a partner who is local to the country/region to help guide you through local safety and cultures.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:44am

Next Safety Team Meeting – Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 at 9:00am.