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Safety Assignments

There have been some questions lately on how to go about appointing Facility Coordinators Facility Safety Heads. This procedure is outlined in LMI 1700.2, dated March 14, 1996.

Facility Safety Head

All Facility Safety Heads are recommended, by the line organization responsible for the operation of a facility, to the Vice Chairperson of the Executive Safety Board for appointment.

Principal Facility Safety Head

There are two categories under this topic:

1. Single Research Apparatus: Principal Facility Safety Heads for facilities housing a single research apparatus that warrants individual analysis and control are responsible for all of the functions described under Organizational Facility Safety Heads.
2. Multiple Research Apparatus: In cases where a single facility complex houses multiple research apparatus, and these devices are sufficiently complicated or hazardous to warrant individual safety analysis and configuration control, the cognizant Principal Facility Safety Head will recommend the appointment of Organizational Facility Safety Heads for each apparatus/facility within the complex.

Facility Coordinators & Alternates

All coordinators and Alternates are recommended by the line organization(s) responsible for the operation of the facility, to the Vice Chairperson of the Executive Safety Board for appointment. In dual occupancy facilities, one Division Chief will recommend and the other Division Chief will concur.

Alternate Facility Coordinators

Alternates for the Principal Facility Coordinator will be designated for each shift of multiple shift operations.

Organizational Facility Coordinators and Alternates

In facility complexes occupied by more than one organizational or research apparatus, Organizational Facility Coordinators and Alternates can be appointed in a manner similar to Facility Coordinators.

Spring Ahead And Check It Out-- Clocks And Smoke Detectors

Now that Spring is here and the days are getting longer, and we arrive to work and

leave in the daylight, we have a couple jobs to do. We will be turning the clocks AHEAD an hour this month and this is also a good time to replace the batteries in our smoke detectors. Another thing that should be done is change the batteries in that emergency flashlight you have hidden somewhere in the house.

Although many American households have at least one smoke detector, as many as half are not working because the batteries are old or missing. Fire safety experts say that maintaining smoke detectors and flashlights are two of the least expensive, but most effective ways to reduce fire deaths and injuries.

It is sad when you hear of a family that dies in a fire and the investigation finds that the smoke detector either was missing the battery or the battery was no good. A working smoke detector can double your chances of surviving a fire by providing critical early warning and escape time. Working flashlights can save lives because they help fire victims escape through disorienting smoke and darkness. A flashlight may also be needed during those power outages and to signal for help.

Mark your calendar for April 6 th, so that you remember to change your smoke detector and flashlight batteries when you turn AHEAD your clocks.

Credit Card Buys

With the new electronic form 44's coming on line, credit card buys, and the fact that some items are no longer available through normal stock supply, there are some things to look out for. Some of the protective gear we use in our everyday work has to be approved by the Industrial Hygiene Section subsequent to ordering. Some of the items that must be approved prior to ordering are protective gloves, as to the proper size and the type gloves needed for the hazard involved. Some others are respirators and their cartridges, coveralls disposable (Tyvek), protective goggles and eye protection. If you are ordering any of these items or any item that you are not sure if it provides the proper protection, check with the Industrial Hygiene Section@ 4-3208 before you order.

Safety Classes Offered

Just a reminder that the following safety training classes are available to be presented for you at your safety meetings.

- Confined Spaces (permit required)
- Confined Space Awareness
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Ergonomics (Office or Industrial)
- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
- Heat Stress
- Cryogenics
- Chemical Safety (Chemical Refresher)
- General Office Safety

If you would like to setup a class, contact your supervisor and he can schedule by contacting Butch Jones at 4-8743.