

Minutes of the Physics Division ES&H Committee
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JHA Update

- As of 9/8/08, 69% have completed JHA in Physics; LBNL is at 80%
- Some of the "opt outs" need to be entered and will help numbers rise considerably
- Some problems are still being fixed; LDAP logins, etc.
- Many of those who haven't completed the JHA are Guests; The next option for these is to terminate their Guest Status

Other Safety Stats

- Training: 71% in PH, 80% Lab-wide
- Everyone with a badge/coming on-site MUST take GERT
- CATS: 2 open items; one housekeeping issue and one electrical issue; None of these id overdue

Safety Walkthrough Findings (w/ Jim Siegrist)

- Sharps, razor blades left out on work table
- Unlabeled SAA; Non-waste item in SAA
- Blocked electrical panel
- Housekeeping
- Incorrectly labeled/unlabeled squeeze bottle and secondary containers

Lessons Learned

- Severed finger tendon; Lockout/tag out issue? (Guest Scientist)
- Broken toe; Gas cylinder slipped off cart
- Broken wrist: Exposed bolt at cafeteria when a table was moved
- Researcher hurt when hit in face by pressurized Dewar
- None of these accidents were in PH division
- 40 recordable cases at LBNL
- 1.64 cases per two hundred thousand man hours
- PH has no recordable cases this year or last year

Physics Ergo Plan (Draft)

- Ergo injuries take up about 50-66% of all injuries at LBNL
- At LBNL we largely rely on on-line training (Three tier plan)
- On-line courses assess risks: Low, moderate, high
- Moderate and above should necessitate an evaluation
- Ergo expert should conduct evals for high risk employees
- Some suggested changes in wording
- Set a goal of 30 days to perform an evaluation
- Submit changes to Marty White for revision and approval at next meeting

Electrical Lockout/Tag out Multiple Source Items

- Current review going on now
- Should be completed by November