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SBUH Receives the Partner For Change Award at the CleanMed 2008

SBUH is continuing to be recognized for their exceptional environmental programs. In 2006, the Hospital received the “Making Medicine Mercury Free” award. In 2007, we received the EPA Quality award and in 2008, we were recognized with the “Partner for Change” award.

This is an exciting time because the public is increasingly becoming aware of their social responsibility for the protection of our environment and natural resources. We seem to have heard the message and the staff at SBUH are actively looking at how we can “Use Our Resources Wisely”. We recycle our fluorescent bulbs along with a variety of batteries. Beverage can and bottle recycling has started in the food service area. We have eliminated mercury from our institution in the clinical setting and facilities. We have cut our use of suction canisters in the OR in half with the institution of an OR fluid management system. The Hospital Cabinet Shop

purchases all formaldehyde-free medium density fiber board and plywood. They also switched to a low VOC adhesive.

So what is next? In 2009, our goal is to see SBUH inducted into the Environmental Leadership Circle. Recipients of this award are picked from the top Partner for Change applicants. Inductees have “integrated sustainable environmental programs into their mission and demonstrate a dedication to the health of patients, workers, communities, and the global environment.” At a minimum we need to have a 25% recycling rate and we are currently at 11%. We have a great deal of work to do but I know together we can accomplish the goals we are setting in FY08/09. I look to the Hospital being recognized as a Environmental Leader in the coming year.

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Emergency Numbers:

Dial 911 or 632-3333 (cell phone)

Non-Fire Emergencies 911
(Major Chemical Spill/HazMat)

All Codes 321

Fire (Code Red) 321

Recognized Environmental Programs

Contributed by Carol Malley



The Partner for Change Award Committee was impressed with our following

Hospital programs:

- OR Fluid Management System—using the Neptune Canister system to collect fluid waste.
- MSDSPro waste code project—

entering information on how to properly handle our chemical waste.

- Energy efficiency projects including Hospital Facilities incorporating motion sensor lighting, low wattage electronic ballasts and lamps throughout our Hospital.
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) projects.



“You Got Caught Being Safe” 2007 Recipients

Congratulations to the following employees who received our “You Got Caught Being Safe” recognition:

January winners:

Wilson Duong, EH&S
Yvonne Walsh, EH&S

February winners:

Jeff Andrejkovics, Microbiology
Deborah Pernia, Microbiology
Elann Quattrone, Cytology
Lynne Turner Brushci, I&S
Manny Cordero, Facilities

March winners:

Uana Proios, Endoscopy
Joseph Uhl, Facilities
Dan Lozano, Facilities
Fred Luebke, Supply Chain
Services
Paul Hubbard, Food Services
Allen Gordon, Linen

April winners:

William Giangarra, BME
Walter Doroski, Physical Plant
Scott Dow, Physical Plant
Jeffrey Quintchette, OR
Diane Carillo, Patient Guest
Services

Kevin Seely, Radiation Oncology

May winners:

Al Rowland, Physical Plant
Chris Alongi, Primary Care
Center
Allen Gordon, Linen
Larry Gerard, Physical Plant

Saving energy, identifying proper waste disposal, suggesting improved processes, updating MSDSs, and assisting in exposure monitoring are some of the reasons staff were recognized.

Continue being safe and we will continue to “catch” you.

Question: Has your department initiated an environmental program?

Answer: Let Yvonne Walsh of EH&S know (email Yvonne.walsh@stonybrook.edu) and we will enter you into the King/Queen of Green Competition.

New Fire Safety Organization

Contributed by David Roy



A new safety organization, the Long Island Healthcare Life Safety

Association (LIHLSA), has recently been formed for the purpose of bringing together healthcare facility engineering, safety staff, and healthcare regulators from across the island. This organization will create a forum to meet, share information and provide training in the

healthcare fire and life safety field.

Chris Romano, NYC/Long Island Regional DOH and Dave Roy, Fire Safety Manager for Stony Brook Hospital have partnered to launch this initiative.

David will serve as the first Chairman of the Association. The interest level of Long Island hospitals has been overwhelming with Facilities and Safety Directors agreeing that this new

organization is a wonderful idea, bringing fire and life safety people together in a collaborative way. “There’s been too much stove-piping in this field, each hospital doing their own thing,” says Chris Romano. Coming together through LIHLSA allows lessons learned to be shared, an understanding of what regulators such as Joint Commission and the DOH are doing, as well as opportunities for training and networking.

Recycling Update

Contributed by Clifford Roggemann



Good News! Hospital Custodial Services is developing a program to increase recycling throughout the Hospital. The program will be accomplished in three phases:

Phase I—replacing a trash compactor at the loading dock

with a dedicated cardboard compactor. The cardboard will be recycled and this will also reduce our solid waste. We expect to see this happen in July.

Phase II—collecting cans and bottles throughout the Hospital. We will roll out this program in the next 3 months.

Phase III— Adding new paper recycling containers to collect non-confidential paper and cardboard.

We look forward to implementing our program and working with staff in increasing our recycling throughout the Hospital.

A Safer, Healthier Stony Brook

Contributed by Kathy Terwilliger



Last year, the top 10 types of injuries and illnesses to our valued hospital staff were:

1. Contaminated Sharps
2. Contusions
3. Ergonomic Sprains (patient handling and repetitive motion)
4. Other Sprains

5. Dermatitis
6. Lacerations with no stitches
7. Lacerations requiring stitches
8. Chemical Exposures
9. Allergic Reactions
10. Conjunctivitis

We ALL need to actively participate in order to help reduce our injuries and illnesses. For example, use patient handling lifting equipment or ask for help when transferring patients or moving heavy supplies. Always

follow your departmental procedures and wear your personal protective equipment. Avoid rushing as you or others may be injured. And, most of all, if you see something unsafe, please say something - report it to your supervisor, Environmental Health & Safety (4-6783) or University Police (911). You may help someone avoid an unnecessary injury or illness.

Planning for New Construction or a Relocation

Contributed by Annette Falcetta

If your department is planning for new space or moving to a new space, consider the following:

- Plan for space to collect your chemically hazardous and regulated medical waste.
- Plan for space to collect reprocessed equipment and glucose battery collection containers.

When you are ready to move don't forget:

- Bring your MSDS books to your new location. The



inventory can easily be revised to include your new location. Call EH&S at 4-8927 for help updating your MSDS book.

- Bring your yellow laminated Environment of Care reference cards.
- Bring your emergency manual and disaster kit.

Anti-Litter Program

Contributed by Carol Malley

EH&S is initiating a new program to keep our Hospital litter free. The program goal is to clean our work environment clean. Below are a few ideas on how to get started:

- Be careful when throwing away trash and make sure it ends up in the trash container.
- Place your cigarette butts in the cigarette disposal container.
- If you see trash, place it in trash receptacle.

- If you see an overflowing trash container, contact Hospital Custodial Services at 4-1455.

Together we can make a difference and make Stony Brook University Hospital a cleaner place to work. Let's start with one piece of litter and see what happens.



Fire Safety Training

Contributed by David Roy

Upon request, the fire safety office will train on evacuation procedures unique to your area. Hands-on fire extinguisher training is also available. The fire marshals will fire up their live burn trainer and your staff will actually extinguish the fire.

Call 4-6752/9777 for more information.



Hematology Drain Covers

Contributed by Carol Malley



Thanks to the help of Facilities, the Hematology laboratory now has new

drain covers. Previously the drains were covered with tape to prevent splashing. Pete Kreskowski of Facilities designed a cover to specially fit the drains and allow for the monthly

maintenance. The drain covers are working well and the staff is happy with this solution.



Pesticide Free Grounds

Did you know that our Hospital Grounds are maintained pesticide free.



IPM—What is it?

Contributed by Kathy Terwilliger

Integrated Pest Management, commonly referred to as IPM, is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information with available pest control methods to prevent pest populations by the most economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment. How can we support this program in our hospital?

- Store food in sealed containers.
- Keep areas free of food scraps, waste paper, boxes and other debris.
- Ensure that garbage containers are emptied frequently and the containers are regularly cleaned.
- Keep screens on windows and keep doors to the outside of the building closed.
- Report water leaks and penetrations in doors, ceilings, walls, windows and screens to the Physical Plant for repair.
- Do not apply any pesticides, including products such as "Raid", roach motels or boric acid.
- Do not tamper with any pest control equipment, such as glue boards, bait stations, or traps, and follow any instructions provided by the hospital's pest management contractor.