Climate Preparedness Summit

On September 19th Environmental Health & Safety and the Office for Sustainability hosted the first ever Climate Preparedness Summit in the Spangler Center of Harvard Business School. The audience included over 200 members from almost every Harvard school and department, the cities of Boston and Cambridge, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the federal government, the private sector, and a number of other Boston-area higher education institutions. Notable speakers, including Professor Daniel Schrag, Sturgis Hooper Professor of Geology and Professor of Environmental Science and Engineering; Julie Wormser, Executive Director, The Boston Harbor Association; Brian Swett, Chief of Energy & Environment, City of Boston; John Bolduc, Environmental Planner, City of Cambridge; and Gary Kassabian, Managing Director of EH&S, Harvard University, presented on the threat of sea level rise and its effects on our community, providing detailed and thought provoking information about our region’s future. Afterwards, attendees participated in a two hour emergency exercise where the mock storm, Hurricane Harvie, hit Massachusetts’ coast, causing flooding, power outages, and facility damage. Each group discussed and shared what emergency response and recovery steps they would take based on the unfolding emergency scenario. Nick Hambridge and Chris Beaurpere, who facilitated the exercise, have been working continuously with Harvard’s schools and departments to ensure we are prepared and can act confidently should an emergency such as this occur.

Fire Preparedness Across Campus

October is Fire Safety month, and now that the fall semester is in full swing EH&S would like to remind the Harvard community of the importance of fire safety on campus. The fall semester, in particular the months of September and October, is the peak time of year for fires in university housing. EH&S would like to emphasize the importance of students being proactive in fire safety in the dorm communities. The majority of dormitory fires are cooking related. It is crucial that our students only cook in designated areas, never leave food unattended on the stove, and never cook in dorm rooms. Students can take an active role in fire safety by; reporting unsafe conditions to RA’s/Tutors/Proctors; being mindful of electrical hazards and overloading outlets; keeping storage and clutter to a minimum; being familiar with emergency exits and evacuation maps; and actively participating in EH&S’ annual fall fire drills! For more information about fire safety on campus please follow the links below to EHS’s webpage:

www.ehs.harvard.edu/fire-safety
EH&S Inspection Management System

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EH&S is in the final stages of developing a new Inspection Management System for our partners and colleagues. In the past, inspections were recorded on carbon copy papers, often hard to track, and difficult to manage or apply corrective actions. This will all change when the new system is implemented. EH&S’ new Inspection Management System is centralized. Now all inspections, corrective actions, results and history can be viewed in one place. Managers, Directors, EH&S personnel, etc. can all access and edit inspection information and see real time statuses. It will also be possible to assign actions to the appropriate designee and ensure they are completed. The system is web-based, and therefore can be accessed from any web enabled device. No more chasing down old copies, now you can log in on any laptop, desktop, tablet or web-enabled mobile device and view whatever data you need. IMS technology will make inspections more efficient. All data will now be saved in one place and information can be accessed from anywhere, at any time you need. This all equates to a safer work environment for the Harvard community, which is always our goal. Expect communication with further details and release dates in the near future.

Reorganization to Match Partner Needs

As many of you may already know, Gordon Reynolds’ last day with EH&S was October 11th. As Director of Environmental Affairs and Project Support Services, Gordon was responsible for Environmental Programs, Environmental Public Health, Remediation, Project Support and Construction Safety and has served University customers in both Facilities and Project Management with a wide range of skills and functions. Gordon has been integral as a member of my Senior Management Team within EH&S and we wish him well as he pursues other career interests.

Consistent with our newly re-organized Department structure, it has been decided to make a few reporting changes in an effort to better align EH&S services by our Customer groups. Going forward, Kat Kaminski, Manager of Environmental Programs, and Val Nelson, Manager of Environmental Public Health, will report to Sean Reagan, Director of Operations & Compliance Support Services. Merging the Environmental, Food Safety, Pest Control and Public Health program functions with Sean’s group allows for better alignment with existing committees, similar customer groups and School/Department points of contact. Sean and Gordon’s groups have always worked well together to serve its customers, and this new organization will enable us to further improve service to our Buildings and Facilities groups by leveraging shared programs, staff and service delivery resources.

Kelly McQueeny, will now report directly to Gary Kassabian as Associate Director of Environmental Project Support and Remediation Services. This allows us to align our Project Support, Remediation and Construction Safety activities under a single group to continue to provide dedicated support to Capital Projects and Project Managers. Kelly will be responsible for interfacing with School and Department Project Managers and will represent the EH&S Department with Gary Kassabian on the University Construction Management Council. Kelly’s group will continue to lead the support of capital (and other) projects at the University through implementation of environmental and safety management services, including permitting and hazardous materials management, construction safety, environmental oversight, due diligence and remediation.

To view our updated Organizational Chart, please click HERE
New Faces at EH&S

Corinne Mancevice  
Assistant Radiation Safety Officer

Bree Carlson  
Environmental Project Manager

Chris Rowell  
Senior Safety Officer

Nicole DeVeGlio  
Cambridge Lab Safety - Staff Assistant III

Rich Griffiths  
EH&S Training Manager

Chantyl Gable  
Safety Officer

EH&S By The Numbers
FY ’13 Construction Safety Performance YTD

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For further information on Construction Safety programs and performance, please contact:

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