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Dear Member of MACTLAC OSHA Committee:

Some of you volunteered for this committee, some of you had others volunteer for you. Whichever, I hope that you will be willing to serve. Bud Hudson of Carroll College has agreed to continue as chairman.

Bud should be the one to outline the work of this committee, and so I will suggest only those things that he and I have discussed already. One is to discover and disseminate specific state regulations which apply to college chemistry laboratories. Another would be to collect descriptions of incidents which are relevant to our lab programs. Another would be to describe programs that are being put into effect at other schools which are responding to OSHA pressures. These items of information would be made available to MACTLAC members by some mechanism as yet unspecified.

I have enclosed a list of the members of the OSHA committee and a copy of page 3 from Bud's report.

Sincerely,



copies to Woods, Zimmerman, and Bosch

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Recommendations

1. The OSHA Committee should be reconstituted with one representative from each state. This will allow exploration and dissemination of specific state regulations. The committee should meet Friday night or early Saturday morning.
2. Specific problems/accidents which are deemed relevant to OSHA regulations and general health/safety concerns should be documented and brief descriptions sent to the committee.
3. Specific programs actions at individual colleges related to OSHA and general safety/health concerns should be related to the committee, sorted, compiled and disseminated to the member schools via a Safety Newsletter. Specific examples would include:
 - a. Faculty/student assistants/departmental technician education programs.
 - b. Selection responsibilities, release time and budget of Safety Coordinator.
 - c. Type and frequency of safety and/or OSHA type internal check-ups.
 - d. Written, programmatic and/or organizational resources found to be of use etc.
4. Sponsor a major workshop at MACTLAC next year.
5. All members should read attached two articles on OSHA.