

The Charge of the PBE Safety Committee

The Safety Committee has primary responsibility over safety issues within PBE buildings and their immediate surroundings, including common equipment contained within. It acts in an advisory capacity and reports to the Department Chair. The Committee responsibilities are to:

- a. Coordinate safety issues within the Department
- b. Coordinate with the Health and Safety Officer on issues of safety
- c. Coordinate the laboratory and safety training of Department Members
- d. Provide consultation to the Department Chair on matters appropriate to safety

Academic year objectives:

- Develop a calendar of activities, deadlines, and responsibilities for the committee
- Insure that a walking tour is viable from a safety standpoint.
- Review safety concerns, cultures, and trends that arise at other institutions
- Involve industrial partners to consult on safety
- To better integrate safety education within the courses

Current and past activities:

Working closely with the College's Environmental Health and Safety Office, the Committee monitors compliance of OSHA regulations, fire code and EPA regulations. Building tours and laboratory inspections are used to assist in identifying and correcting code/regulation violations and other issues of concern, including, but not limited to, safety shower/eye wash maintenance, air quality, asbestos abatement, eliminating the use of mercury, improvements to guarding of mechanical equipment, handicapped accessibility, installation of fire doors, snow removal and maintenance of the building and its systems. Pilot Plant safety is periodically reviewed and updated using Department expertise and industry consultants. A safety website (<http://www.esf.edu/pbe/safety/>) has been established to provide easy access for all members of the department to safety related materials. Policies, procedures and forms are posted on this website.