

Indiana State University

2005 - 2006 Administrative Annual Report

Environmental Safety

Year in Review

Achievements

As you have heard, increasing public awareness of Indiana State University's accomplishments is crucial to building student enrollment, influencing policy makers, and developing a place of pre-eminence in the Midwest. What do you consider to be your department's accomplishments for the 2006-07 year that will contribute to this effort? (Please list in priority order and limit to no more than 8.)

1. The OES has researched and selected a material safety data sheet (MSDS) on-line database service. Existing product inventories, that are available, will be entered for each department. Subfolders will be created for functional areas or laboratories with a department. This service will provide users with easy access to product safety information and eliminate the need to maintain paper inventories. 2. Provided asbestos inspection and demolition notifications, when needed, for ten (10) housed acquired by the University and Foundation. 3. Prepared and submitted \$470,000 worth of claims for asbestos abatement as part of a class action lawsuit by colleges and universities against W.R. Grace Company. 4. Completed asbestos survey and quantification for upcoming University Hall renovation. 5. Revised the written program for Bloodborne Pathogens. 6. Provided new safety harnesses for departments required to have fall protection for employees. 7. The OES and Facilities Management Recycling Center have initiated a program to collect electronic waste, which will be recycled. E-waste contains hazardous metals and often brominated flame retardant plastics that are harmful to the environment. Examples of E-waste would be computer monitors, CPU's keyboards, printers, and telephones. 8. The OES worked with the Risk Manager to oversee fire damage restoration work in the Student Services Building. 9. Completed battery replacement for all Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) on campus.

Enrollment

What steps did you take this year to aid ISU in overcoming enrollment challenges?

The OES is dedicated to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for students, which will hopefully have a positive influence on their educational experience.

Action Steps

Do you have any further progress you would like to report?

The actions identified in 04/05 are things that are done every year. The OES had 3-student employees graduate from the Safety Management Program in May of 06. The students had been employed in the OES for 1 to 2 years. All three students had jobs in the safety field when they left ISU. The work experience they had in our office greatly enhanced their education and put them in a better position to be marketable.

Assessment

What are two ways in which you evaluated the quality or effectiveness in your area last year? What changes did you make based on those assessments?

The OES participated in the Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association

(CSHEMA) benchmark survey based on the 04/05 year. The report was received in June of 2006 and an evaluation of the report and performance has yet to be completed.

Budget

As you know, ISU is facing significant budget challenges. Finding ways to overcome these while increasing efficiency requires innovation. How are you overcoming your budget challenges this year?

The OES will not fill a professional position that had been vacated. Our biggest challenge will be to reorganize and prioritize our tasks so that the level of service provided to faculty, staff and students is not compromised. The OES now participates in a national program dedicated to recycling used portable rechargeable batteries. This allows us the opportunity to recycle used nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, and sealed lead acid batteries at no cost to ISU. The OES has found cost saving alternatives for disposal of non-hazardous waste where we will be charged a flat rate per ton of waste as opposed to a unit price based on waste stream and container size.

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Have you considered any action steps your department could make to enhance Indiana State University's reputation as a University of choice? If so, please indicate what you are planning to do and tell us which area of planning your steps fall under.

EL, The OES has continued to hire students (Safety Management and Environmental Health) that can best benefit from the experience. During this past year we have had three to four students (one a graduate student) employed and have provided the opportunity for two students to complete their required internship while working for us. EL/CE, The OES has combined community engagement with experiential learning as our student workers have provided assistance in performing lead risk assessments for the Providence Housing Corporation in West Terre Haute. This effort is necessary to secure federal grant money that is used to improve sub-standard housing to those that qualify. But more importantly, we identify lead hazards and recommend corrective measures that are designed to protect the development of small children.