

Indiana State University

2006 - 2007 Administrative Annual Report

Environmental Safety

Vision Statement

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The following is your vision statement loaded from previous submissions. Some administrative units, but not all, may wish to revise their vision statements based on the direction of the University toward pre-eminence. If this pertains to you, then please make changes in the box below:

It has always been the mission of the Environmental Safety Office to promote and maintain a safe and healthy working and learning environment while minimizing liabilities. This Office will continue to work to improve the University's compliance with regulatory responsibilities by maintaining current staffing levels and incorporating improvements in technology to simplify the tracking of documents and meeting the multitude of our training needs. It is the intent of this Office to create and foster a more positive climate towards safety, environmental, and fire safety issues. Improving our compliance and training efforts and maintaining a higher profile and a more consistent presence will help to accomplish this.

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. Completed University Hall Asbestos Abatement project, which included inspection and quantification; development of bid documents; bid review and contractor selection; project management; and performing all air monitoring and analysis. 2. Completed asbestos inspections and prepared demolition notifications for 34 properties, 21 of which required some degree of asbestos abatement. 3. With the loss of the Occupational Safety Associate position (May 06') and the vacancy of the Occupational Safety Specialists position (Nov. 06'), job responsibilities have been restructured. Five qualified candidates were interviewed in March and the revised Occ Safety Specialists position was filled in April. 4. The most recent FM Global (property insurer) engineer audit revealed that the OES has satisfied all of their requirements for inspection, testing, and human element programs, such as hot work and red tag permits (monitoring fire protection systems taken out of service). 5. Completed asbestos inspection and prepared scope of work for the fire damaged warehouse at 200 N. 11th, in preparation for demolition. The challenging project was completed in a timely and cost effective manner.

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?

Experiential learning has been a long-standing core value for the OES as we integrate meaningful and unique learning opportunities for our student employees on campus as well as in the community. The OES employed four (4) students from the Safety and Environmental Health programs for the 06/07 year. Two (2) of the students were in the graduate program, and two (2) were undergraduates. One of the undergraduates completed an internship requirement while in our employment. Two (2) of our students who graduated in May of 06' were able to immediately get jobs in the safety field.

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 university's property insurer, FM Global, recently (March 07') audited the OES fire safety/property conservation program. This assessment revealed that the OES has satisfied all of their requirements for inspection, testing, and human element programs, such as hot work and red tag permits (monitoring fire protection systems taken out of service).

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 in May of 06'. Our biggest challenge will be to reorganize and prioritize our tasks so that the level of service to faculty staff and students is not compromised. The OES no 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, lithium, and small sealed lead acid batteries at no cost to the university.