



TO: Business Board

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**ITEM IDENTIFICATION: Health and Safety Requirements – Quarterly Report on Compliance**

Professor Hildyard has undertaken to provide the Business Board with quarterly statements with respect to the University's compliance with legal requirements in the area of Health and Safety. This is the fourth quarterly statement for 2009/2010.

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Business Board is responsible for monitoring health and safety compliance. This report is an information update since our last report.

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

Outlined above.

**STATEMENT:**

**1. Ontario Ministry of Labour (MOL) Orders**

The Ministry of Labour has visited the University of Toronto on five occasions since the last audit report. On one of these visits we received four orders concerning the anchor system on a rooftop at the Scarborough campus. The only outstanding item (from this visit) will be complete when the roof anchors are removed. One visit was a follow-up to a critical injury suffered by a contractor working on our premises. A contractor associated with the constructor Ellis Don fell while working at the Scarborough campus, and suffered a fatal injury. Another MOL visit was in response to a slip and fall injury at Dentistry (not a critical injury). The Ministry of Labour also responded to a complaint from an employee regarding mould. The complaint did not have a basis in fact. No mould was present.

## **2. Regulatory Audits**

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission spent four days inspecting 12 buildings on the St. George campus in order to assess compliance against the conditions of our consolidated license. On the audit report, we received A's and B's with no non-compliances. Overall we received a B rating for each of the 12 buildings under review. (A grading of B indicates that we meet compliance). This is a substantially better audit result than on previous CNSC inspections.

## **3. Federal Regulatory Activity - Biosafety**

Since the last audit report we have provided information on our lab activities to two federal authorities. We submitted a declaration of activity on animate substances to Environment Canada for two substances in response to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act. We also declared information on biological risk groups to the Public Health Agency of Canada under the new Federal Act C-11.

## **Summary**

In summary, based on the reports I have received through the operation of our occupational health and safety policy, and except with reference to the items described in paragraph 1 above, to the best of my knowledge the University is in compliance with its health and safety obligations.