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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 second quarterly statement for 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 Ontario Ministry of Labour visited the University of Toronto six times since the last report. Two visits were initiated through staff complaints. The first complaint was regarding construction noise at Robarts, the second complaint was regarding a leaking roof at the Tanz building.

Five orders were issued during this reporting period. The first two orders referenced the leaking roof and required it to be fixed. The last set of three orders were issued at UTM concerning an X-ray machine which had been the property of a visiting professor and abandoned. The X-ray machine was an older piece of equipment and was not designed with all of the safety features of a current X-ray set-up. We are now in compliance with respect to all orders.

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We have had 2 critical injuries during this reporting period amongst the caretaking staff. Both injuries were as a result of slip and falls, one on a slippery floor and another on a stairwell.

## **2. Regulatory Visits**

Environment Canada is developing a regulation to control the handling and use of genetically modified organisms as well as biotechnology. As part of their regulation development, Environment Canada visited the University Environmental Health and Safety office in early September. The intent of the consultation was to gather information for the design of a notification process with minimal disruption to research work. Although University research will be exempt from the full extent of rigorous information sharing with government, an information package on the safety measures taken during the research will still require notification to government.

## **Summary**

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