

COMMITTEE ON SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Committee on Safety and Environmental Health exercises advisory and other stated responsibilities for the Biological, Chemical, Environmental, Fire, Accident, Industrial Hygiene, Occupational Health, and Radiation Safety programs of the University of Kentucky. The roles of the Committee and its various subcommittees relate to fire, accident, and other general safety matters and to the acquisition, safe use and disposition of radioactive and hazardous materials.

The Committee functions within the context of established external regulations, University policies, and recognized standards for the safe conduct of operations. The Committee and its various subcommittees are appointed by the President of the University of Kentucky, and the Committee reports to the Associate Vice President for Campus Services with an advisory relationship to the Director of Environmental Health and Safety. The Committee and subcommittees shall be composed of appointed and ex officio members to include faculty, staff, student, and external representation, and the chairperson of each shall be designated by the President. The appointed members normally shall have staggered three-year terms.

The Committee shall function with subcommittees as necessary to satisfy regulatory and program needs.

The Committee is charged with the responsibility to:

1. Recommend to the Associate Vice President for Campus Services, on an annual basis, on the establishment and charges for subcommittees of the Committee.
2. Recommend policies and procedures for the Biological, Chemical, Environmental, Fire, Accident, Industrial Hygiene, Occupational Health, and Radiation Safety programs that will provide for the safety and health of people and that will comply with regulatory requirements.
3. Recommend educational programs which will prepare members of the University community to comply with environmental and safety policies, procedures, and regulations.
4. Maintain a subcommittee, known as the Institutional Biosafety Committee, to carry out the functions required under NIH regulations, including policy and procedure recommendations; compliance reviews; individual research project approval; and the certification that facilities, procedures, and practices and the training and expertise of the personnel involved have been reviewed and approved; and to serve as an advisory committee on the use of infectious agents to include; policy and procedure recommendations and individual research project approval.
5. Maintain a subcommittee, known as the Radiation Safety Committee, to review and oversee the use of radioactive material and exercise responsibilities required by regulations including the review and approval of authorized users and methods of use of radioactive materials, radiation program changes prior to submittal for licensure; and the establishment and monitoring of the program to maintain occupational doses.

6. Maintain a subcommittee, known as the Chemical Safety Committee, to review and recommend chemical safety policies and procedures and to review annually the University's Model Chemical Hygiene Plan as required by OSHA regulation.
7. Review as required by policies or regulations, but at least on an annual basis, reports on the amount and type of radioactive and hazardous materials acquired, used and disposed of by the University.
8. Review, on a timely basis and specifically as required by policies or regulations, reports of any incidents or violation of policies or procedures where radioactive or hazardous materials are involved.
9. Review, as required by policies or regulations but at least on an annual basis, reports of accidents and injuries (including worker's compensation) or other safety problems.
10. Recommend on the training, experience and medical requirements, with consideration of regulatory requirements, for personnel who work with, or in the vicinity of, radioactive and hazardous materials; and conduct at least an annual review of compliance with such requirements.

The Committee shall be responsible for an annual report and, on request, special reports to the Director of Environmental Health and Safety or Associate Vice President for Campus Services.