5-5-22 Safety Committee Minutes

Review of Previous minutes

* Had two near misses
  + Cleaning Keurig
  + Heating cord on MS overheated
* Reminded everyone on self-audits being past due
* Did lab walkthrough, shared results
  + Unlabeled/uncovered vials
  + Coats/backpacks in labs
  + Other concerns on previous agenda
  + Set up lab cleaning days to help remedy issues
* Reminders to flush eyewash stations
  + Doing trial of using MS Teams to remind everyone to flush stations

New Business

* Previous secretary had to step away, new secretary is Evan Sowinski
* Near misses
  + Sharps disposal incident
    - Bag of hazardous waste contained syringe with needle
    - Sharps should be in clearly labeled container dedicated to sharps disposal
      * Thick plastic container
    - Lack of written procedure, failure to anticipate hazard are attributed causes
    - SOP is being written on sharps disposal
  + Issue with gas cylinders
    - Researcher discovered flammable gas cylinder unsecured
      * Moved it and secured to cages
    - Evan brought up concerns that Indiana Oxygen delivers cylinders to incorrect cages
      * Should review procedures for locking cages, if it is necessary and how to help delivery people with access
      * Could talk to Jason Davenport at Forney to see how they handle gas deliveries
* Feedback on helpfulness of lab cleanup day and extra trash bins
  + It may be helpful to advertise those more
  + Suggested to have quarterly scheduled cleanup days
* Indemnification inspection results
  + Building passed overall
  + Some self-assessments were partially/incorrectly filled

Other Business

* Remember to check building emergency plan for emergency procedures
  + Tornadoes/severe storms are common in spring
* Refer new lab members to safety procedures and link for joining FLEX lab
  + David Harmon has the link