

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY
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2000 - 2001

DEPARTMENTAL MISSION

To reduce the risk of illness or injury to people who come to the University of Mississippi to work, study, learn or visit, by developing, implementing, enhancing and improving programs that provide training, guidance, technical expertise and support services to all campus activities and programs, while assuring compliance with environmental regulations.

DEPARTMENTAL GOALS

To contribute to an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual support for other departments and personnel, to anticipate and to respond to the needs of others and to provide quality services in a safe and healthy work environment.

SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING GOALS

No major accidents or injuries involving hazardous materials occurred on the campus. State Inspectors found no violations during reviews of this department's procedures, facilities and records. All inspection records, reports and responses are available on the Web.

PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

All disposal requests, departmental evaluations, forms and regulations were made available through the Web. The University incinerator continued operations under a permit exemption that allows for the continued destruction of non-medical wastes and plant materials. Additional procedures and policies were instituted covering waste minimization, approval of contracts and grants, purchasing radiological materials, laboratory security, PCB disposal, chemical Fume Hood usage and maintenance, satellite accumulation of hazardous waste, battery and oil recycling, radiological spill management, pathological waste incineration, and confidential records management requests.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

W. Scott Rone was assigned the responsibilities of the Laser Safety Officer.

FUTURE GOALS AND PROSPECTS

During FY 2001 we will complete a Diving Safety Manual and a Laser Safety Manual for the campus. We plan to hire a Health and Safety Specialist to run the incinerator and to take responsibility for the Biological and Pathological Safety programs. We will expand our use of the Web to include additional online forms as well as a departmental listserver.