

WORKPLACE ACCIDENT INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

Witness Employee: DOB:

Weifeng Chen ; 09/15/78

Employee Home Address:

Employee Home Phone:

Ca Driver License #

1. What is the name of your employer? How long have you worked for the company?

UCLA . Since October 10, 2008.

2. What is your job title with the company? How long have you worked in that position?

Post Doctoral Fellow. Since 10/10/08

3. What are your duties?

- Perform experiment and research in organic chemistry. Use some chemicals especially solvent (i.e. Hexane, ethyl acetate and n-butyl lithium).

4. What is your previous experience related to the job you currently hold?

I have been doing research in Organic Chemistry with the University in Shanghai and Lanzhou, China.

5. Where were you when this incident occurred?

I was preparing for my research experiment. I don't remember the type of experiment I was doing.

6. Where was the location of the accident?

I don't know the room number, the room was 2nd on the right after the entrance at the Molecular Science bldg

7. What time did you start working?

Normally, I start working at 9:00 am.

8. How many employees were working with you?

Who was your immediate supervisor?

Sherrin and myself.

Dr. Patrick Harran.

9. How long have you been working at your assigned task before the incident occurred?

I don't exactly remember the time, the incident happened after I came back from lunch.

10. Were you using some chemical/chemicals on the assigned task? Could you name some of the chemicals you were using?

I don't remember the chemicals I used on that day but I can check my records.

11. Were you using some tools at the time of the incident? What were some of the tools she used?

I don't remember but I used gloves normally.

12. Where were you doing when the incident occurred?

I was cleaning the work table from NaOH that was spilled using a paper towel specifically for laboratory use.

13. To your knowledge, what do you think caused the accident?

I don't know.

14. Who assigned you to do the job you were doing?

Dr. Harman. He developed a plan for this project which we follow and also developed a schedule of activities for the day.

15. Where was your supervisor/research manager when the accident happened?

Dr. Harman was not present in the room when the accident happened but he came afterwards.

16. Have you received health and safety training on laboratory health and safety?

In my group/team, we know we have to be careful but did not receive training from UCLA.

17. Have you received training regarding the handling of the chemicals or chemical reagents that you used or handle in your project? Were there any discussions on specific measures to protect yourself in the event of an emergency and personal protective equipment?

No. We have training among ourselves (5 of us).

18. When did you receive training and from whom?

I don't remember the date.

19. Is the process/operation/job new to you?

N/A
Sherrin
20. Were you using any personal protective equipment? Was chemical apron available for use in the laboratory?

Could you name some of the PPE you used?

I don't remember but she usually wear safety glasses. I did not pay attention what she was wearing since my mind was pre-occupied about the fire.

21. Have you performed the procedure of withdrawing T-butyl lithium?

No.

22. Could you tell me what have you observed in regards to this incident?

I was cleaning up my table and suddenly heard a scream from Sherri. I turned around and then saw Sherri was on fire. I immediately used a white laboratory coat and wrapped it around her in an attempt to put out the fire.

She was screaming and was moving around and I was attempting to wrap her tightly. The bottom part of the lab coat got caught by a fire and I decided to throw it away. I then poured tap water on her in an attempt to put out the fire on her. I don't remember which part of her body I started pouring water.

I remembered Sherri asked "why it took them so long," as she screamed. I cannot recall what time the responder arrived as I stood by her. The firemen arrived and ask me, Dr. Ding and Dr. Harwan to leave the room.

23. Did you observe and on your recollection, did Sheri use protective clothing, safety glasses, gloves etc?

I cannot recall nor remember.

24. Do you have any specific questions regarding health and safety that can be attributed to your work environment?

No.

I HAVE GIVEN THIS STATEMENT FREELY AND WITHOUT COERCION; IT REPRESENTS THE FACTS PERTAINING TO THE ABOVE REFERRED ACCIDENT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Print name: Wei feng chen

Signature: Wei feng chen

Date: 01/22/09

Note:

① Mr. Yudin Wu, ASE of CAL/OSHA Los Angeles District office acted as an interpreter during this interview. Translation was from Mandarin to English language. Also, Mr. Wu is a certified bi-lingual interpreter on this language.

② Ms. Patricia Sager, Casework Counsel from the Chancellor office was also present during this interview.