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WORKPLACE ACCIDENT INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

Witness Employee: DOB: Hew Dings ; 01/05/70

Employee Home Address: [REDACTED]
Employee Home Phone: [REDACTED]
Ca Driver License # [REDACTED]

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

UCLA . Four (4) months.

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

Post doctoral fellow in Organic Chemistry . 4 months

3. What are your duties?

Perform research in the field of synthetic organic chemistry. This includes wet methods using liquid chromatography, mass spectrometry and identifying structure and purity of organic molecules.

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

I have been a Post Doctoral fellow for the last 3 years at Johns Hopkins Univ. in synthetic Org. Chem. and Bio

5. Where were you when this incident occurred?

Organic Chemistry

I was working in my research room 421, adjacent to the lab where the incident occurred analyzing data.

6. Where was the location of the accident?

Next laboratory room. I don't know the room number.

7. What time did you start working?

I started working around 9:00 am.

8. How many employees were working with you?

Who was your immediate supervisor?

I was working by myself.

Dr. Patrick Harran

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

Around five (5) hours.

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

Yes. Some of the chemical reagents I used were DMF (dimethyl formamide), hexane, ethyl acetate, CH₃CN, CD₃CN.

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

Yes, and most of them were laboratory glass wares like pipettes, beakers, flasks etc.

12. Where were you doing when the incident occurred?

I was analyzing data pertaining to my research project.

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

"I am not sure what actually happened."

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

Dr. Hawran

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

Dr. Hawran was in his office and was not in the laboratory when the incident occurred.

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

No.

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?

I only thing that was discussed to me was about disposing the waste. No discussion about the hazards of the chemical.

18. When did you receive training and from whom?

N/A

on working with because of my education background and having a PH.D.

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

N/A

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?

Yes. Laboratory coat, nitrile gloves (purple) safety glasses/goggles. I am not aware of the availability of a chemical apron.

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

Yes, way back in Vermont and Johns Hopkins Univ.
T-butyl lithium is a common reagent in molecular biochemistry and is used in deprotonization process (removing protons)

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

I heard a scream coming from the adjacent room and I went and saw Dr. Chen was helping Sherrie getting out a fire on herself using a laboratory coat. I observed that Sherrie's coat was on fire. I thought at that moment that the fire on Sherrie was under control. I also noticed that there was a fire inside the hood. I observed that the tip of the reagent bottle was positioned sideways and was also on fire. I thought that the fire was small and was manageable.

I immediately went back to my office and called 911 then went back to the laboratory. I saw Sherrie sitting on the floor and noticed that the fire was gone on her as well as the fire inside the hood.

Sherrie asked that water be poured on her and then Dr. Chen got some water from the sink using a jaw and started pouring the water on her. I then immediately went upstairs to Dr. Hawran's office to inform him of the incident.

Dr. Hawran and myself ran back to the laboratory where the fire incident occurred and heard fire trucks siren. Sherrie was asking in general for her cell phone and to call her friend so her friend can call her family.

Sherrie had been asking why it took so long for the help to come. When I saw one of the firemen, I directed him where the room was. Two other firemen showed up. I was not present when the firemen attended Sherrie.

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

I am not sure whether Sherrie was wearing a lab coat and also not sure if she was wearing safety glasses. I however observed that she wore gloves.

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

No. I don't want to discuss this incident since it's traumatic in nature.

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: Hui Ding

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 1/22/09

Notes:

① This interview was conducted in the presence of an interpreter, Mr. Guolin Wu, Safety Engineer of LADO of CAL/OSHA and a state certified interpreter for Mandarin language.

② Ms. Patricia Sager, Program Counsel from the office of the Chancellor is also present during the entire interview process.