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Ministry of Labour
Safe At Work Ontario

Operations Division
Occupational Health and Safety

OHS Case ID: 03920LGS130
Field Visit no: 03920LGS131
Visit Date: 2017-MAR-27
Field Visit Type: INITIAL

Workplace Identification: MCMASTER UNIVERSITY
1280 MAIN STREET WEST, HAMILTON, ON, CANADA L8S 4K1

Telephone: (905) 525-9140
JHSC Status: Active
Work Force #: 8000
Completed %:

Persons Contacted: CHERYL BEOCCROFT - HEALTH AND SAFETY SPECIALIST, DANE DEMAN - HEALTH AND SAFETY, JEFF GAUTHIER - WORKER AND JIM MCANDREW - WORKER REPRESENTATIVE.

Visit Purpose: ENFORCEMENT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT AND THE REGULATIONS
Visit Location: BURKE SCIENCE BUILDING B208
Visit Summary: ORDERS ISSUED

Detailed Narrative:

This Inspector attended the workplace and contacted Cheryl Beecroft - Health and Safety Specialist, Dane Deman - Health and Safety, Jeff Gauthier - Worker and Jim McAndrew - Worker Representative.

An inspection of Maintenance Room B 208 was conducted.

The electrical panels were clear and accessible. The panels were secure.

Corrosive treatment chemicals are being used.

The emergency deluge shower was checked and the water pressure was insufficient to allow a worker to use it properly. The employer must ensure that the shower and eyewash are maintained in good condition. ORDER ISSUED.

There were a number of wires that the employer will be cleaning up.

Recipient
Inspector Data
Worker Representative

Name: Cheryl Beecroft
Title: H&S Specialist

Name: Jim McAndrew
Title: H&S Coordinator Unifor

Signature: Cheryl Beecroft
Signature: Jim McAndrew

You are required under the Occupational Health and Safety Act to post a copy of this report in a conspicuous place at the workplace and provide a copy to the health and safety representative or the joint health and safety committee if any. Failure to comply with an order, decision or requirement of an inspector is an offence under Section 66 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act. You have the right to appeal any order or decision within 30 days of the date of the order issued and to request suspension of the order or decision by filing your appeal and request in writing on the appropriate forms with the Ontario Labour Relations Board, 505 University Ave., 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2P1. You may also contact the Board by phone at (416) 326-7500 or 1-877-339-3333 (toll free), mail or website at http://www.oltb.gov.on.ca/english/homepage.htm for more information.
The employer shall ensure that the equipment, materials and protective devices provided by the employer are maintained in good condition. At the time of this inspection, the emergency deluge shower was checked and the water pressure was insufficient to allow a worker to use it properly. The employer must ensure that the shower and eyewash are maintained in good condition.