I. Injury and Illness Experience

With over 3000 colleges and universities in the United States it is important that the Council and our Division explore additional methodologies to improve the reporting systems for campus incidents and institute better approaches for analyzing and disseminating information on campus injury and illness experience. Students are the largest population base for an academic institution and yet student related injury and illness data is not typically captured in a consistent and useful manner. Our member institutions are faced with a litany of risk factors associated with very diverse operations including agricultural operations, laboratories, roadways, trades, food services, utilities, large assemblies and athletics. If an incident occurs it may not be properly documented or investigated unless the individuals involved are employees.

The challenge to CSD members is to focus on preventing injuries and illnesses while operating in an increasingly regulatory environment. As noted later in this report the amount of resources devoted to EPA compliance has grown substantially due to the threat of a major EPA fine being assessed against the institution. Unfortunately in an environment of constrained resources this has resulted in the potential for fewer resources being devoted to injury and illnesses prevention activities.

II. Safety, Health and Environmental Issues

EPA continues to target colleges and universities

As referred to in my previous report, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's [EPA] has stepped up compliance efforts aimed at colleges and universities. The initial focus was in the Northeast area covered by the Region I EPA Boston Office. March 11, 1999, EPA Regional Administrator John DeVillars sent a foreboding letter to all 258 New England College and university presidents. The presidents were advised that EPA had taken enforcement action against the University of New Hampshire [UNH] and fined that institution $308,000 for 15 alleged violations of EPA's waste management laws. Since that report, Harvard University has undergone a rigorous EPA inspection. May 25, 1999, EPA's Region III issued a release alerting colleges and universities throughout the Mid-Atlantic States about their responsibility to comply with environmental laws and regulations.

III. Division and Section Activities

The 46th international Conference on Campus Safety

A very successful CSD conference with a theme "Safety In the Heartland" was held on
the University of Wisconsin Madison campus July 11-15, 1999. David Drummond, Director of Safety at UW-Madison, is hosted the event with over 250 delegates attending. There was another "Emerging Issues" workshop that was held directly before the conference with a resulting white paper presented as part of the conference proceedings.

**The 47th international Conference on Campus Safety planned for Stanford in 2000**

Originally the year 2000 CSA Conference was to be held at Thomas Jefferson University [TJU] in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Due to an unusual set of circumstances TJU was unable to host but Stanford University stepped in and graciously offered to be the site of our next conference. Conference dates are July 16-19, 1999.

Following Stanford the 2001 Conference will be held at Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

**Change in Vendor for Benchmark Program**

**Web site is: www.cschema.org**

LTC Collaborative of Friday Harbor, Washington, concluded it's first year of benchmarking for our Division and will continue to provide the benchmarking service to the Division members through FY2000. LTC did provide benchmarking results during a technical session at Madison and also staffed a vendor booth. The new web site will be further refined and it was agreed that the domain belongs to our Division and not o LTC.

**Spring meeting held at NSC headquarters May 14-16, 1999**

The CSD Executive Committee met at Council headquarters over a three-day period and it was so successful that the incoming Chair, Roger Pugh, decided that we should consider making this an annual event. On the afternoon of the first day we met with Jerry Scannell and Alan McMillan to review divisional issues and to discuss the strategic partnership between the Council and CSD. The following two days were taken up with Executive Committee meetings and this work avoided what would have been more lengthy meetings at Madison.

**Division Manager Interview Panel held May 17-19, 1999.**

Following the Executive Committee meetings, seven members stayed on for an additional three days to interview candidates for the Division manager position. Jim Beckett from the University of Missouri was the lead person on the panel. The panel made recommendations that were endorsed by the Council. Unfortunately the person hired started in the position but then left abruptly.

**New Round of Division Manager Interviews September 10, 1999.**

Nancy Heath has arranged for a new round of interviews at Council headquarters on September 10, 1999. Essentially the same group of CSD members will be involved in this next round.

**Three Division Members to receive DSSA**

Three members of the Division are to be honored at the opening session of Congress as recipients of the Distinguished Service to Safety Award. These include: James
Matthews of Ohio University; Martha McDougall of UCSD; and Harry Stiteler of Texas A&M.

**CSD Certification Process**
The CSD prompted by efforts of the Utilities Division is exploring the possibility of a certification program for the membership. The members of this task force are Don Robinson, Wayne Wood, Richard Thatcher, James Balsamo, and Byron Tepper. Initial reading from this group was very reserved. Dr. Tepper has experience with setting up a certification program for the ABSA. There was support for looking at this further but the overriding concern is what such a certification would provide that is not already attainable through other currently available certification groups such as CSP, CIH and CHP.

**Consultative Program Process**
A group was formed to look at the current mechanisms for conducting consulting projects. Eve Brouwer provided excellent background information about past projects. It was felt that the membership of consulting groups should be based on some specific criteria. Don Robinson was asked to develop a training program for members that would like to be considered for consulting projects. It is expected that such a program would take place at the Stanford conference.

**Lab Safety Section**
**Web site is:** http://www.cshema.labsafety.umaryland.edu

The Lab Safety Section under the able direction of Jim Jaeger has developed a comprehensive web site. In Jim's words: "My objective in creating this site is to enable members to view information on laboratory safety, find links to other internet resources, discuss matters of mutual interest, and provide an opportunity for members to network via web technology. Our members come from an international community that has limited opportunity to meet face-to-face. This web site is intended to be the "next best thing" for members of the group to interact with each other and increase the value of membership for all participants."

**CSHEMA Division Listserver a great success**
Dr. Fay Thompson at the University of Minnesota has provided a discussion listserver resource for CSD members. Dr. Thompson authorizes users of this service and this has resulted in a valuable resource to our members. Current discussion has ranged from open positions to asbestos management to Y2K plans to chemical management plans.

**ANSI Z 590 July 7, 1999 Conference Call**
Leo Carey arranged a conference call July 7, 1999 to discuss the proposed ANSI Z 590-draft standard. Dr. Glendon Miller, chair of the professional relations committee and Don Robinson participated in this phone call along with several other division members. CSD has some serious reservations with this latest draft that have been considered by the Council.

**IV. Intervention Strategies for NSC**
**EPA and EHC**

Bud Ward on behalf of the Environmental Health Center has made some initial contacts with EPA to explore various ways of partnering on environmental compliance issues. I have also put Bud in contact with Tom Balf from ML Strategies in Boston to see if some of ML's regional initiatives with EPA could be replicated on a national basis. ML has coordinated programs under EPA's XL [excellence in leadership] programs that provide for regulatory relief.

**Enhance Collaboration between Divisions**

It is clear to me that all twelve divisions have issues in common yet we do very little partnering in addressing these topics. On a college campus we have issues that touch on all other divisions. I have suggested that the upcoming plan for a CSD journal be done in collaboration with the Educational resources division. The RCRA and other EPA regulations apply to industry labs as well as academic research labs. With more collaborations and cross-fertilization we should be more effective in serving the council and our respective divisions.

**Higher education student Injury and Illness data**

I have mentioned in my previous VP report that there is a definite lack of reliable data on student injuries and illnesses. This is a major deficit in the development of college and university prevention programs. Much of what is done is reactionary in nature whereby we react to a very public injury incident or to the threat of some regulatory enforcement action. Perhaps this is an effort that, with outside support, the Council could undertake with CSD.