

Review Activities of the VCAT Subcommittee on Safety

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Blue Ribbon Commission II Recommended the Following Actions

- Appoint crucial Associate Director for Laboratory Programs (and Principal Deputy)
- Address the enthusiasm gap in some senior management
- Establish an Audit mechanism

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***POSSIBLE* Recommendations**

- Establish frequent “grand rounds” audits of individual laboratory rooms led by senior, trained NIST executive.
- Set firm target for reduction in each OSHA reportable statistic
- Distribute and discuss IRIS statistics with all-at-NIST by Director memo each reporting period. Leadership team to identify top priority IRIS issues and action plans to reduce occurrence. These will be a standing agenda item at each VCAT meeting.
- Increase “transparency” on all safety metrics, including exact stage at which non-closed IRIS cases are stalled.
- Address ergonomic factors, a major contributor to reported injuries. Establish pilot program, e.g. with statistical and mathematical scientists to pilot ergonomic impact progress.