

The impact of environmental safety and management training on research institutes in Nigeria

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Lack of environmental and safety management consciousness among Technical Staff and Scientists in Research Institutes in Nigeria has been identified as the main reason for the poor safety procedures and practices in our Laboratories in the country. The need for safety training in the various research institutes in the country is conceived. Scientists and Technical staff in some research institutions were recently trained. Laboratory Safety Committee was established in these institutions to advise the management, monitor and ensure compliance to safety rule and regulation in their institutes. Also, basic laboratory safety materials were also provided for the use of staff. Fresh graduates and undergraduates students from tertiary institution on mandatory industrial training program placement at Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria were also trained on laboratory safety and management. Some commercial laboratories staffs within the southern part of the country, laboratory chemicals and equipment suppliers/ sales representatives were also trained. These achievements and difficulties experienced during this safety training are discussed. The extent to which the trained personnel have adopted and incorporate the safety training in their daily laboratory management is also evaluated.

Short Abstract:

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Scientists and laboratory technical staff in some research institutes in Nigeria were recently trained to improve the safety consciousness awareness which has been identified to be responsible for poor safety practices and management in various institutes. The extent to which the trained personnel have adopted and incorporate the safety training in their daily laboratory management, the difficulties and achievements recorded are discussed.

