Date: September 8, 2016  
To: New York Campus Environmental Resource (NYCER) Members  
From: Howard Apsan  
Re: NYCER Meeting Minutes  
Advanced Science Research Center, June 14, 2016

**Opening**

The June NYCER meeting was held at the Advanced Science Research Center, 85 St Nicholas Terrace, New York, New York, on June 14, 2016 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by acclamation.

**Updates**

**Active Shooter**
This weekend, a lone gunman opened fire in an Orlando nightclub, killing 49 people. This tragedy serves as a reminder of the grave and unpredictable threat posed by an active shooter event. Campuses are encouraged to review their violence prevention programs and response protocols.

**Zika Virus**
The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued travel alerts for the Caribbean and Central and South America urging women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant to avoid travel to these areas if possible. All travelers to these areas are encouraged to protect themselves against mosquitoes and engage in safe sexual practices, as Zika virus can be transmitted through sexual contact. No locally acquired cases of Zika have been confirmed in the northeast. For further information, updates, and travel alerts, please visit [http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html).

**Safe Drinking Water**
There has been increased focus on drinking water quality and lead contamination following events in Flint, Michigan, Newark, New Jersey, and elsewhere. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and other agencies are working to ensure drinking water safety, particularly in schools, childcare centers, and other locations serving vulnerable segments of the population. Visit [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/drinking_water/index.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/drinking_water/index.shtml) for links to many resources pertaining to water quality.

**Cooling Towers**
Coastal Storm Planning
The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June through November. New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) has begun coastal storm training for the 2015 season. Personnel listed as emergency shelter or evacuation center staff must attend training sessions if they did not attend last year.

Presentation
Adam Steinman, Senior Vice President, Woodard & Curran, gave a presentation on “Laboratory Safety: Emerging Management Tools for Identifying and Minimizing Risk.” We thank Adam for his presentation on this safety and compliance issue that is important for so many institutions.

Upcoming Meetings
Rockefeller University will host the upcoming NYCER meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at 1230 York Avenue, New York, NY 10065. Mark Maiello, Ph.D., Radiological Projects Planning Manager, and Elaine Vernetti, Radiation Medical Specialist, with the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, will give a presentation on “Radiological Safety and Response in New York City” and “Explosive Radiological Mass Casualty Incidents.”

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.