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Office of Science Safety Visit

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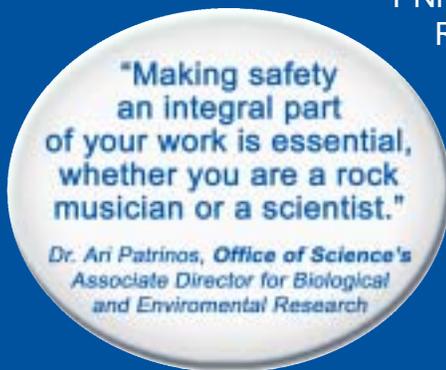


Dr. Patrinos visited several PNNL laboratories in 331 Building, LSL II and EMSL on April 5th to personally observe locations and equipment associated with recent safety-related incidents and to convey to PNSO and PNNL his concern for each and every staff member's personal safety. (3E877) Over a hundred staff members heard Dr. Patrinos confess that he is a recent convert to safety, giving credit for his personal journey to safety awareness to his assistant Mike Riches, his own encroaching middle age, having children of his own, and the little known fact that one of his personal heroes, Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones, is a near fanatic when it comes to the safety of his band-mates, their road-crews, and their fans.

Dr. Patrinos impressed on everyone that achieving the highest levels of safety performance depends on management leadership and on each individual taking personal responsibility for their own safety and the safety of those around them. He engaged his audiences in a forthright dialogue, answering all questions and encouraging anyone to contact him via email Ari.Patrinos@science.doe.gov with any further questions or comments. (34876)

Dr. Patrinos' message of the Office of Science's aggressive posture on safety was reinforced by his belief that safety is an integral component of all R&D and support activities performed at PNNL.

PNNL leadership presented the emerging "Safety Improvement Roadmap" to Dr. Patrinos which aspires to an injury-, illness- and accident-free environment and will move PNNL toward exceeding the Office of Science's safety expectations and achieving "best-in-class" safety performance. (3A304) This presentation resulted in a robust and valuable discussion detailing how PNNL will instill this sense of safety behavior in its scientists and the role PNNL leadership would play in this process.



"When things go wrong, go wrong with you, it hurts me, too."

"It Hurts Me, Too" Rolling Stones

