Lab Faculty Responsibilities including Chemistry & Biochemistry

To-Do List - Specific UC Regents agreement requirements in italics.

PROVIDE TRAINING

- □ Pls are required to complete <u>training</u> which covers the University Laboratory Safety Manual and University policy concerning the Pls responsibility for lab safety.
- □ Ensuring everyone who works in or visits your laboratory obtains required documented Laboratory Safety Fundamentals Training before beginning work.

MAINTAIN A CHEMICAL INVENTORY

Responsible for entering and annually updating chemical inventory using the campus <u>Chemical</u> <u>Inventory system</u>

REVIEW THE CHEMICAL HYGIENE PLAN AND LABORATORY SAFETY MANUAL

- □ All requirements outlined in the <u>Lab Safety Manual</u>, <u>Chemical Hygiene Plan</u>, and applicable research authorizations are being followed.
- □ Written CHP and Laboratory Safety Manual must be in place in a visible location in all UC laboratories (electronic copies are acceptable).
- □ Ensuring laboratory personnel have access to and are familiar with the appropriate Laboratory Safety Manual(s).
- □ Establishing and communicating <u>Standard Operating Procedures</u> (SOPs) (general and protocol specific).
- □ Develop and approve SOPs for any chemical listed in the exhibit 1 <u>Chemical Classification</u> <u>List</u>.
- □ Maintain SOPs with Laboratory Safety Manual for safe use of pyrophoric liquids (if applicable).

PROVIDE ACCESS TO SAFETY DATA SHEETS (SDS)

- □ Chemical users must know what a <u>Safety Data Sheet (SDS)</u> is, their relevance to their health and safety, and how to access them. Hardcopies of SDS should be maintained. Electronic copies are acceptable.
- □ Maintain exposure below occupational exposure limits for chemical, radiation and noise.
- □ Recognizing and evaluating hazardous conditions and operations which your employees may be exposed to and implement safe procedures and controls.

PROVIDE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- □ Identify and communicate hazards present in the laboratory by completing the <u>Laboratory</u> <u>Hazard Assessment Tool (LHAT)</u>
- □ Ensure that laboratory personnel certifies the hazard assessment and complete PPE training in LHAT.

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Minimum PPE requirements include: full-length pants, or equivalent, closed-toe shoes, protective gloves, laboratory coats (flame resistant (FR-rated) laboratory coats must be worn when working with pyrophoric materials or large amounts of flammable liquids as described in the hazard assessment), and eye and face protection.

OBTAIN AUTHORIZATIONS

- □ Obtain authorization from a campus committee or approval from EH&S before performing specialized work. This includes:
 - Animal use and human subjects
 - Bacteria, viruses, prions, or biohazardous materials
 - Human or primate fluids/tissues
 - o Infectious agents
 - o Laser equipment
 - Toxic or pyrophoric gases use

FOLLOW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- Radioactive materials or radiation producing equipment
- o Recombinant DNA
- Respirators
- <u>Prompt reporting</u> of laboratory accidents and injuries to Risk Management and EH&S. Serious injuries: death, amputation, disfigurement, hospitalization over 24 hours.
- □ Serious injuries MUST be immediately reported to EH&S.
- □ Immediately secure any incident scene from all access and preserve all evidence until the Cal/OSHA. Enforcement Unit & Cal/OSHA Bureau of Investigation each responds or each determines that a response is not required (only 24 hours)

POST AN EMERGENCY PLACARD

□ To aid emergency responders and comply with fire safety regulations, every entrance to all areas with chemical, radioactive or biological hazards must have a <u>placard</u> conveying information regarding the types and degrees of hazards within and emergency contacts.

AUDIT YOUR LABORATORY

- □ Perform a <u>self-audit/inspection</u>.
- □ Correct all findings noted in EH&S audit report.
- Inform facilities maintenance personnel, other non-laboratory personnel and any outside contractors of potential lab-related hazards. Identified potential hazards should be minimized to provide a safe environment for repairs and renovations.
- Provide full access to Cal/OSHA Enforcement or Bureau of Investigations for the purposes of conducting inspections to determine compliance with the terms of the LADA settlement agreement.
- □ Must contact EH&S immediately in the event of a Cal/OSHA initiated inspection.

DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE PROPERLY

- Ensure hazardous wastes are properly labeled using the <u>Waste Accumulation Storage</u> <u>Tracking electronically (WASTe)</u> at the time of initial generation and disposed of by EH&S.
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- □ Ensure all lab workers complete basic <u>Hazardous Waste Management</u> training.

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