

TO: DEANS AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRS WITH LABS THAT USE CHEMICALS
FROM: David Bergquist, Interim Chief Campus Counsel *DB*
SUBJECT: LABORATORY SAFETY ON CAMPUS
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As you know, the UC recently settled the charges against the UC Regents for alleging willful felony violations of California Labor Laws. While the settlement is specific to Chemistry and Biochemistry Departments, laboratory accidents can occur in any location and discipline. We need everyone to continue to do their part to ensure safety for their laboratories and personnel. Details of the settlement agreement and responsibilities can be found at: www.ehs.ucr.edu/laboratory/ucregentsagreement On this page you will also find a large "Laboratory Safety Self-Certification" button which provides a form to certify the lab's level of compliance with the UC Regents Agreement. This form must be completed by each Chemistry and Biochemistry faculty member that manages a lab on or before January 10, 2013.

Lab Safety Settlement - Impacted Departments

The two departments that meet the settlement criteria and thus fall under the settlement are:

1. Chemistry – College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
2. Biochemistry – College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

EH&S is currently working with these two departments on their laboratory safety training, standard operating procedures (SOPs), and their personal protective equipment (PPE) compliance. For the three settlement departments, it is imperative that we achieve compliance by January 11, 2013, as the campus must provide this written certification to the UC Office of General Counsel which will provide it to the Los Angeles District Attorney.

Lab Safety - All Departments with Wet Labs

In the event of a serious injury, death or other significant laboratory safety compliance problem in any of our labs, individuals could be subject to felony charges, and the campus could be subject to significant monetary penalties. While the settlement imposes additional reporting requirements, since the safety practices and procedures described in the settlement follow standard safety practice and Cal/OSHA standards, our expectation is that all our labs will comply with the terms of the settlement.

EH&S plans to continue to work with all remaining non-settlement laboratories in 2013 and beyond. These laboratory safety initiatives must be implemented and completed in all campus laboratories in 2013.

We thank you for your efforts towards laboratory safety. If you have questions, please contact the EH&S Director, Russell Vernon, Ph.D. at (951) 827-5119.

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