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Radiation Safety Training Dates

Radiation Safety Orientation
Gatch Hall (CL) 154

- Monday, February 14, 2011 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
- Friday, March 18, 2011 9:30 am to 11:00 am
- Thursday, April 14, 2011 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Please Mark These Dates...

The Radiation Safety Office will be closed for university holidays on the following dates:

- Friday, April 22nd University Holiday
- Monday, May 30th Memorial Day

Please keep this in mind when placing orders and scheduling waste pick-ups.

Staff Changes

There have been some recent staff changes in our office. Carra Roberts has been promoted to Assistant RSO. With her promotion, our office has hired Kyle Gerard fill her position. Kyle is a graduate from Purdue University in Health Physics and previously worked at American Radiolabeled Chemicals in St. Louis, MO. Kyle is originally from Mishawauka, IN. Please help us congratulate Carra on her promotion and welcome Kyle.

Winter Delays

With the winter season here, problems arise with receiving packages on time due to inclement weather. Problems not only arise locally but also in the originating city. Keep this in mind when planning experiments and placing orders.

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Training

All new radioactive material users, including temporary personnel (e.g., summer students, interns, etc.), and individuals previously approved who have left the university or have not been listed on a permit for a period of two years or more are required to attend the Radiation Safety Orientation. A completed Radiation Safety A-3 form, *Authorization to Use Radioactive Materials*, should be submitted to the RSO prior to the initial use of radioactive materials. This form can be obtained from our office or from our website. After receiving this form, our office will send an email notification to register for the next orientation. Please make sure to register on-line to confirm adequate classroom space for all attendees. In addition to attending the orientation, all new radioactive users with inadequate training/experience with radionuclides must attend the Radiation Safety Course. Temporary employees (i.e., individuals working in a lab for less than 6 months) are required to complete the orientation but not the course. These individuals must be supervised during their work with radioactivity.

Positioning of Pipettes

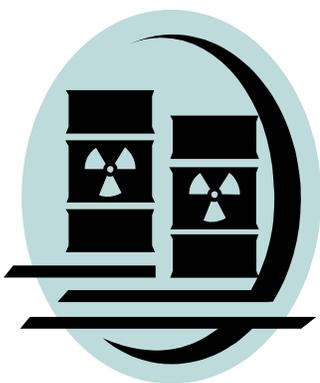
While performing our lab audits, we occasionally notice pipettes hanging over the edge of lab benches. As a reminder, you risk contaminating the floor or individuals who may brush up against them. Regardless of the material used in the pipettes, they should be placed securely on lab benches to prevent them from falling and breaking.

Disposal of Old Material

Radioactive users are required to secure all radioactive material in their possession. We suggest disposing of old material which would go unused or is unusable due to chemical degradation. This would alleviate the burden of storing (security issues) and keeping track of these types of materials. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Cut-Off Times

As a reminder, all radioactive materials must be ordered through our office. The cut-off time for ordering is 3:00 pm. Any order placed after 3:00 pm may not be ordered that day. In addition, the cut-off time for scheduling a waste pick-up is 3:00 pm the day before the pick-up.



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