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PURPOSE

All laboratories usingnazardous chemicals are required toppty with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHAD) CFR 1910.1450, Occupational Exposure to Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories his standard requires that the ployer develop a written Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP), which is capable of the cting employees from the health hazards associated with hazardous chemicals in the companion of the comp

POLICY

Saint Louis University is dedicated to provigisafe laboratory fatitiles for employees and students, and for complying wiftederal, state, and local occupational health and safety standards. Principal investigatoratory managers, faculty aff, and students all share the responsibility for minimizing their exposure to hazardous cheats. Laboratory employees must not be exposed to chemicals in excessed thrmissible exposure limits (PEL) specified in OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910, Subpart Z, Toxid blazardous Substances. This standard applies where "laboratory use" of hazardous chemicals occurs. OSHA defines laboratory use as handling or use of chemicals or laboratory scale" or when the woinvolves containers which can easily and safely be manipulated by one person, when multiple chemical procedures or chemical substances are used, and where three laboratory practies and equipment are available and in common use to minimize the potential for employee exposures to hazardous chemicals. The Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) listor reviewed and evaluated at least annually for its effectiveness, and updated as necessals hall be made available to all laboratory employees and employee representatives. Exportatory must havecess to a copy of the CHP. The electronic version for the CHP is located at the lo

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR WORK WITH LABORATORY CHEMICALS

A. Minimize Chemical Exposures

It is prudent to minimize all chemical posures and observe good laboratory practices by working in a chemical fume hoodewing eye and hand protection, and a laboratory coat or apron. The rule fofets in working with hazardous chemicals is that all work with these materials in a laboratory shoul

Implementation of these CHP procedures is gular, continuing effort requiring support from administration and faculty. Albint Louis University faculty and staff working in laboratories shall follow the style egulations and recommendations within the CHP to ensure that laboratories are safe.

E. Observe the PELs and TLVs

The OSHA permissible exposure limits (PE)Land the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygnists (ACGIH) threshold limit values (TLV's) should not be exceeded. This may be achieved bymbination of experimental design and engineering controls. In geral, use of a fume hood is recommended when working with a volatile substance.

- Providing for the disposal of hazardous chemical waste.
- Assisting Facilities Management withcorporating chemical safety in new construction and renovations.
- Remaining current on regulatory issues.
- Completion of annual and semi-annual labora safety inspections to ensure safety and regulatory compliance.
- Providing CHP and general laboratory saftetaining to all laboratory employees
- Providing disposal requirements and delines for both hazardous and nonhazardous chemical waste.
- Providing chemical hazard awaren training to ancillary employees.
- Conducting exposure assessments and upon request, for laboratory employees.
- Investigate reported workplace injuries of chemical exposures and incidents.

F. Principal Investigators/Laboratory Managers (PI/LM)

The Principal Investigators and/Laboratory Managers shall:

- Implement all provisions of the CHP for laboratory facilities under their control.
- Ensure all laboratory employees canilerances the CHP and review annually.
- Complete a laboratory specific traingly outline and document annual training.
- Maintain a hazardous chemical inverytand ensure annual review of the inventory.
- Maintain a hard copy of each Mater defety Data Sheet (MSDS) and update annually.
- Ensure that employees are familiar with location of MSDS in the laboratory.
- Make available appropriateersonal protective equipme(PPE) for all laboratory employees.
- Notify OEHS in advance when the neteduse a respirator is identified.
- Ensure that designate eye wash statfonsheir laboratory are adequate and inspected weekly.
- Ensure that facilities, equipment, ammaterials are adequate for intended use.
- Ensure preparation, maintena and implementation of itten standard operating procedures (SOP) regarding safety aealth considerations for each procedure involving hazardous chemicals.
- Train laboratory employees regarding the cific work practices and procedures according to the provisions their laboratory specific SOPs.
- Complete or ensure completion of the injury/illness form and consult with Employee Health forlaworkplace injuries.
- Report to the Chemical Hygiene Officer**H(O)** all workplace injuries relating to chemical exposures, laboratory incidents, or other unsafe conditions.
- Report any use of or repair necessary designated emergency equipment.

3. LABORATORY FACILITY

A. Design

Saint Louis University laboratories in whichazardous chemicals are present or used shall have the following minimum safety atures within the immediate area or close proximity:

• An appropriate general ventilation systemeth air intakes and exhausts located so as to avoid intake of contaminated air.

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Laboratory Fume Hoods

Laboratory fume hoods shall be provided, installed and operated according to manufacturer specifications.

- When the hood sash is open approximative by Ive inches, an average face velocity of 100 ft/min is required.
- The hood enclosure should be fared chemical resistant.
- In new construction, consideration shad given to locating the hood such that ambient air currents do not unacceptably oction containment efficiency of the hood.
- All fume hood modifications shall be appred by OEHS; i.e., those that do not detract from the hood performance.
- In new construction:
 - The room in which the hood is locatedall have a source of sufficient makeup air to replace the air that is exhausted out.
 - o The hood shall have a monitoring device to measure airflow.
- It is recommended that the utility rotrools be outside of the hood.
- The fume hood should be appriate for the material **est** within (e.g., perchloric acid usage).
- Airflow shall be such that contaminarwithin do not escape the fume hood. A smoke tube test may be performed to ensure airflow is adequate.
- Each laboratory fume hood Staint Louis University is teted and certified annually
 for usage and performance. Whereformance parameters fall outside
 specifications, work orders are initiatted repair the hoods. When appropriate, a
 notice is placed on the hood icating that it is not to be until its performance
 is within the specified performance parameters.
- Non-venting hoods (e.g., laminar flow hoodshwin-room venting) shall be clearly labeled as such.
- No work with volatile hazardous chemicalsall be performed in hoods that do not vent outdoors. Exhaust air from globexes and isolation rooms should release into the fume hood exhaust system.

Laboratory fume hoods are designed totext the individual from exposure to chemicals and noxious gases. However, slamberatory work is performed inside a biological safety cabinet that designed to protect the employee and environment from biological agents and to protect research rightsefrom contamination. It is important to know the difference between a biologisafety cabinet and a chemical fume hood prior to use.

Special Ventilation Devices

Procedures involving radioactive aerosols, pleas or gaseous products, or procedures that could produce volatile radioactive affilts shall be conducted in an approved fume hood, glove box or other suitable clossestem. Such fume hoods shall be designed with smooth, non-porous materials possess adequate light to facilitate work within. The hoods shall have a minimulace velocity of 100 ft/min. Contact the

Radiation Safety Office for further infimation on fume hoods for radioactive materials.

Modifications

Laboratory hoods are not to be modified hout consultation of the Chemical Hygiene Officer. Changes in airflow quantity and flow patterns can significantly affect laboratory exposure potential. Therefore, Chemical Hygiene Officer will ensure that modifications will not degrade the safefythe laboratory environment. Modified hoods must be evaluated and tested by OEHS prior to use.

4. BASIC RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR WORKING WITH CHEMICALS

6. Exiting

• Wash areas of exposed skirroroughly with soap and atter before leaving the laboratory.

7. Horseplay

 Avoid distracting or startling other where when they are handling hazardous chemicals.

8. Mouth Suction/Mouth Pipetting

• Do not use mouth suction fpipeting or starting a siphon.

9. Personal Housekeeping

• Keep the work area cleand uncluttered, with

13. Vigilance

 Always be alert to unsafe conditions and call attetion to them so that corrective action can bekten as quickly as possible.

14. Waste Disposal

- Follow established University checail waste disposal procedures in accordance with guidance and requirements provided by OEHS.
- Do not discharge to the sewer concentred acids or bases; highly toxic, malodorous (bad smelling), or lachrytromy (causing the shedding of tears) substances; or any substances which mirghtfere with the biological activity of waste water treatment plants, defire or explosion hazards, cause structural damage, obstruct flow.

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Safety and Security Services (PSS) of all incidents of expore or spills. Consult the Employee Health physiciaor another qualified physian when appropriate.

D. Working with Chemicals of Moderate Chronic or High Acute Toxicity

Any intended use or possession nemerals of moder tending or high acute toxicity must be reported to OFAS pito use Examples changes the micals of moderate chronic high acute toxicity include all sopropylflurbps hate, ydroflu riacid, and hydrogen cyanide. Supplemental

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E. Working with Chemicals of High Chronic Toxicity

Any intended use or possessiofrchemicals of high chronioxicity must be reported to OEHS prior to use. Examples of chieats of high chroni toxicity include dimethylmercury, nickel carbonyl, benzepyrene, N-nitrosodiethylamine, and other human carcinogens or substances with triarcinogenic potency in animals.

Further supplemental less to be followed *n* addition to all those mentioned above, for work with substances of knownigh chronic toxicity (in quantities above a few milligrams to a few grams, depending the substance) include:

1. Preparation:

- Report the presence and intended use of these chemicals to OEHS prior to initial use.
- Develop and document adequate traininglbemployees working with or in the presence of these chemicals.
- Prepare a plan for use and disposal **est** materials and obtain the approval of the laboratory supervis**a** chemical hygiene officer.

2. Location and Engineering Controls:

- Conduct all transfers and workith these substances an controlled area such
 as a restricted access hood, glove box, or portion of a lab designated for use of
 highly toxic substances for which pleople with access are aware of the
 substances being used and becessary precautions.
- For a negative pressure glove box, venitilatrate must be at least 2 volume changes/hour and pressure at least 0.5 inches of water. For a positive pressure glove box, thoroughly check for leaks before each use. In either case, trap the exit gases or filter them though a HEPA filter and then release them into the hood.
- Protect vacuum pumps against contamimativith scrubbers or HEPA filters and vent them into the hood. Decontaminate vacuum pumps or other contaminated equipment, including glassware, iretbontrolled area before removing them from the controlled area. Decontaminate controlled area before normal work is resumed there.

3. Personal Protective Equipment and Practices:

- On leaving a controlled area, removey protective apparel (placing it in an appropriate, labeled container) and rebughly wash hands, forearms, face, and neck.
- Use a wet mop or a vacuum cleaner equipped with a HEPA filter instead of dry sweeping if the toxic substance was a dry powder.
- If using toxicologically significant quantities of such a substance on a regular basis (e.g., 3 times per week), consult Othemical Hygiene Officer, the Office of Environmental Health and Safetind the Employee Health physician concerning advisability of gular medical surveillance.

- Keep accurate records of the amount the se substances stored and used along with the dates and names of users.
- Ensure that the controlled area is spicuously marked with warning and restricted access signs and that all tainers of the substances are appropriately labeled with identity and warning labels.

4. Prevention of Spills and Accidents:

- Ensure that contingency pris, equipment, and matels to minimize exposures of people and property in case accident, are available.
- Store containers of these chemicals only in a ventilated, limited access area in appropriately labeled, unbreakable, cheathy resistant, secondary containers.
- Use chemical decontamination wheneversitide. Ensure that containers of contaminated waste (including wastes from contaminated flasks) are transferred from the controlled arisea secondary container under the supervision of authorized personnel.

F. Animal Work with Chemicals of Chronic Toxicity Including Carcinogens

Special facilities with restricted access a referable when conducting animal work with chemicals of chronic toxicity. Other special precautions include:

1. Preparation:

- All work with animals shabe approved by Comparativ Medicine prior to use.
- All animal protocols involving carcinogershall be approved by the Chemical Hygiene Officer.

2. Engineering Controls/Aerosol Suppression:

- When possible, administer the substancentection or gavage instead of in the diet. If administration is in the diet, usecaging system under negative pressure or in a certified Biological Safety Cabinet.
- Devise and utilize procedes to minimize formation and dispersion of contaminated aerosols, includ those from food, urinand feces (g., use HEPA filtered vacuum equipent for cleaning).
- Moisten contaminated beddingfore removal from the cage.

3. Personal Protective Equipment and Practices:

• Wear appropriate gloves, clothing, respiratprotection, and eye protection while working in the animal room.

4. Waste Disposal

 Dispose of contaminated animal tiesubedding and exeta properly and according to the protocolastdard operating procedures

5. CHEMICAL PROCUREMENT, DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE

A. Procurement of Chemicals

No chemical container shall be accepted out an adequate identifying label and delivery should be refused for any leaking containers. In order to minimize the presence of hazardous materials at the usidy chemicals should be ordered in the smallest quantity needed to conduct the work. Consider using chemical from stocks already on campus. OEHS shall be acted in advance compaction of chemicals that will not be purchased being ferred to Saint Louis University from another university organization.

B. Stockrooms/Storerooms

Hazardous substances should be segreted zard class, following manufacturer recommendations. Containers of potelytidazardous substance (PHS) materials should be placed in unbreakable secondarytainers. Stored chemicals shall be examined periodically (at least annually) feplacement, deterioration, and container integrity. Stockrooms and storerooms should be preparation or repackaging areas.

C. Chemical Transport

Sealed chemical containers shall be sported in secondary containment, or on a wheeled cart with a design capable on training leakage or spage and negotiating uneven surfaces (e.g. expansion joints or floor drains) without tipping the chemical container or cart. Chemical roducts (e.toubes in ice buckets, open flasks) that are not sealed shall be in etbsontainment during transport. Chemicals should be transported on freight elevators possible and should always be sealed during transport.

Compressed gas cylinders should always takesported on cylider carts which are equipped with straps or chainst is always prudent to keep the valve cover in place while in transport and until the cylinder is secured in place and ready for use.

D. Laboratory Storage of Chemicals

Chemicals will be stored so that incompatible chemicals are separated by hazard class and shall not be double stacked. Complative information is available on the chemical's material safety data sheet and implication container label. Refrigerators used for storage of flammable liquids should be plosion proof. New construction shall follow NFPA 45 for guidelines on flammable and combustible liquid storage.

Cylinders of compressed gases shall be restricted or chaied to a wall, bench top, or other sturdy structure lose the gas cylinder valve the top of the tank when not in use. Compressed gas cylinders streat appeal when in storage. All compressed gas cylinders and chemical containers strong stored away from heat sources and direct sunlight. Chemical storage firms hoods and on bench tops should be

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

Regular instrumental monitoring of airborcoencentrations is notsually necessary or practical on a routine basis in laboratorites, may be appropriate when testing or redesigning hoods or other vibration devices, or when a hightoxic substance is used regularly (e.g., 3 times/week). Il monitoring results shabe prominently posted and/or provided to applicable employees.

A. Environmental Monitoring and Surveillance

Air sampling may be performed for any chieath process where the laboratory fume hood, filtered glove box or comparable exposuretrol device is not used to contain the contaminant. Air sampling will be preserved where respiratory protection is required and/or will be performed upone the quest of the Principal Investigator, Laboratory Manager or laboratory employ to a sampling will be performed in any situation where there is reaston believe a PEL or similar exposure standard has been exceeded. Air sampling specifications, includ

7. HOUSEKEEPING, MAINTENANCE, AND INSPECTIONS

A. Housekeeping

Safety comes from good housekeeping pcasti Use the following guidelines to maintain an orderly laboratory:

- Keep work areas clean and uncluttered with chemicals and equipment.
- Clean up work areas upon completion of an **expe**nt or procedure, or at the end of each work day.
- Dispose of waste regularly coording to Chapter 14 (Waste Disposal Guidelines).
- A separate waste receptacle must beginested for non-contaminated broken glass. Follow SLU guidelines for disposal contaminated glass.
- · Clean non-hazardous spills immediately and thoroughly.
- Ensure a chemical spill kit is available that employees know how to use it.
- Do not block exits, emergency equipmentontrols or use hallways and stairways as storage areas.
- Assure hazardous chemicals are property expated into compatible categories.

Stairways shall not be used for storage. Hallways and corridors shall not be used for storage. Access to exits, emergency equipment, and utility controls must never be blocked. Minimum egress routes must be maintained at all times.

B. Maintenance

Facilities Services should contacted if safety equipment is malfunctioning.

 Fume Hoods: Malfunctioning fume hoods should be clearly marked with warning signs such as "Do Not Use" or "Needs Repair Housekeeping and chemical hygiene **ensipons** are recommended and should be routinely conducted by the principal investigr, laboratory manger, or appointed representative. Use of the Environmetate Laboratory Inspection Form is encouraged unless the laboratory PI affstesign a checklist specific to their laboratories.

8. MEDICAL PROGRAM

9. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND APPAREL

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is a tered to describe a variety of products worn by laboratory employees designed to proteose employees from safety and health hazards. Protective equipment is required in a possibility that the employee may be exposed to a hazardous chemical bisorption or inhalation. The level of protection required depends one to the protection

There are clear limitations to all types of PMEich must be considered when selecting equipment for any given task. Limitingctors for PPE protection include:

- Proper fit and selection
- Comfort vs. protection
- Restrictions to sight, lazeing, touch, and movement
- Proper maintenance
- Equipment lifetimes

All laboratory employees should have access to adequate PPE and all PPE should be examined before use to ensure that the equipment will be able to provide the needed level of safety. The P.I. or Laboratory Managercimjunction with OEHS and Employee Health, are responsible for assessing the risks presented in laboratory and etermining the types and levels of protection requid for the assigned tasks.

A. Respiratory Protection

When efficient engineering controls are **pot**ssible, suitablæspiratory protection should be provided. Respirator use **ntoes** approved by OEHS and Employee Health. Prior to respirator use, the wearer **ntoes** tmedically cleared, fit tested, and properly trained to ensure that the respirator is adequate for the task and will function properly. All employees required to wear a respirators those fit tested and trained annually for as long as they continue to have ed to wear a respirator.

B. Protective Clothing

- 1. Lab Coats/Lab Aprons: One of the main forms of eneral protection is the lab coat. Lab coats shall be worn whenever this a possibility of splashes, spills, or other clothing contamination to laboratorersonnel. Inituations where the possibility of a splash is high, such as dwashes, plasticized aprons and shoe coverings should be worn.
- Shoes: Closed-toed shoes shall always be wiorhaboratories to reduce the risk of injury to feet from spills, oobjects dropped in the laboratory. s to ad015 a spiTf 2, -d in t -.4

consulted as a resource for clothing setterctiProtective clothinghall be inspected prior to each use.

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6. Foot Protection

Adequate foot protection guards againoust injury due toglass breakage or accidental chemical spills. Open-toendess are prohibited when working with or around hazardous chemicals/reagents orbinaterories where they are present.

10. RECORDS

The Saint Louis University Risk Managemeamtd Insurance Department maintains all university illness and accident ports. Employee Health maintains all medical records relating to all reporte chemical exposures and potenthemical exposures. OEHS maintains all laboratory safety inspections dehenical fume hood certification records.

11. SIGNS AND LABELS

A. Basic Laboratory Signage

The following signs shall be prominently posted:

- Emergency telephone numbers (posted near the phone).
- Location signs for safety showers, eyeshæs, fire extinguishers, and first aid equipment.
- Warning signs at areas or equipment webspecial or unusual hazards exist.
- Laboratory entry hazard waing signs with emergency contact numbers.

B. Refrigerator, Freezer, Cold Room and Microwave Signage

All standard laboratory refrigerators, freezerold rooms and microwaves used for chemical storage or preparation muster the following labels clearly posted:

- NOT FOR FOOD OR DRINK
- DO NOT STORE FLAMMABLES/SOLVENTS IN THIS REFRIGERATOR/ FREEZER

C. Hazardous Materials Containers

The following rules for hazardous matelsi containers shall be followed:

- Labels on incoming containers of hazardobemicals are not to be removed or defaced until the container is empty and triple rinsed.
- Secondary use containers (containers **fised**ispensing from bulk containers or containers of "made- up" chemical mixtes) should be labeled with complete chemical name, concentration, and the hazard class.

12.	SPILLS.	ACCIDENTS	AND EMER	GENCY	RESPONSE
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A.

Personnel at the immediate scene of the dence should take actions, based on their training, which will mitigate the extent of the accident without jeopardizing their health and safety. When in doubt, warn others in the almea, evacuate the area, travel to a safe location, and contact DPSSS.

C. Accident Investigation and Reporting

Accidents involvinginjury or illness musbe reported on the jurry/Illness Report form (available from Human Resources and Tomployee Health) and distributed as indicated on the form. All other accidents and near accide (intijuries, fires, spills, explosions) shall be reped in writing to OEHS assoon as possible after the occurrence. OEHS will analyze acerids and "near misses" and provide recommendations to the employee and repositecessary to the open authorities.

D. Emergency Response

The University Emergency Response Guidevided by the Department of Public Safety and Security Servicissavailable from OEHS and should be posted in each laboratory. This document identifie following response procedures:

- Fire
- Earthquake
- Tornado
- Police Emergency
- Bomb Threat
- Chemical Spill
- Radioactive Spill
- Loss of Utilities
- Medical Emergency
- Explosion
- Workplace Violence

13. TRAINING

A. Chemical Hygiene Plan Training

The purpose of Chemical Hygiene Plan traignis to provide emplyees with general information about the physical and health hazards of hazardous chemicals in their work area and of the methods and procedures repets should follow to protect themselves from these materials. All employees mustiew the contents of the chemical hygiene plan on their first day of employment in traits or prior to the start of laboratory

14. CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

To prevent injury, minimize environmentaealth hazards, and meet regulatory requirements, SLU hazardous waste generatators (atory P.I.s, L.M.s, and staff) must comply with strict chemical waste disposatored ures. All laboratoria and staff are

disposal of the chemical waste contain within one year of the accumulation start date.

D. Properly Segregate Hazardous Waste

Chemical waste must be segregated into the appropriate hazard classes (flammables,

15. MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS)

The Occupational Safety and Health Adirstration (OSHA) requires all chemical manufacturers, wholesalers, adidtributors to provide Materiasafety Data Sheets (MSDS) for the products which they produce and selsha also requires that employers maintain in the workplace, copies of the MSDS for each arrow chemical. MSDS are required to be accessible at all times work is being conteduc With any chemical, it is prudent to consult the MSDS before use. In general MSDS consists of the following sections:

- 1. Chemical Identification
- 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients
- 3. Hazards Identification
- 4. First-Aid Measures
- 5. Fire-Fighting Measures
- 6. Accidental Release Measures
- 7. Handling and Storage
- 8. Exposure Controls and Personal Protection
- 9. Physical/ Chemical Properties
- 10. Stability and Reactivity
- 11. Toxicological Information
- 12. Ecological Information
- 13. Disposal Considerations
- 14. Transport Information
- 15. Regulatory Information

Typically, MSDS are shippedith the chemical order or you malconstctithe caufacturers