

## Spring Term 2014: Safety Memorandum

- **Safety Training Records: A Reminder** (copies to Talley Richardson by June 13, 2014)

It is imperative that all lab workers receive adequate training to enable them to conduct their research work safely. *That such training has occurred must be documented.* Unfortunately, although a majority of our faculty do an excellent job of safety training, it is rarely adequately documented. Training records are a required component of a lab specific chemical hygiene plan (CHP) and can be captured in various ways (e.g., see link to form below). Dept. of Chemistry PI's/lab managers are asked to generate safety training records for ALL of their lab coworkers (inc. graduate/ undergraduate students & post-doctorals) and to provide copies to Talley Richardson in Gilbert 153 by June 13 (2014).

[http://chemistry.oregonstate.edu/blakemore/Downloads/BRG\\_safetytrainingrecord.pdf](http://chemistry.oregonstate.edu/blakemore/Downloads/BRG_safetytrainingrecord.pdf)

- **Spill Kit Materials Now Stocked in Chem Stores**

All laboratories must be equipped with appropriately stocked spill kits to deal with accidental releases of potentially hazardous material. To make the construction and maintenance of spill kits easier, Chemistry Stores now stocks all necessary items. The following safety instruction details how to construct a spill kit.

[http://oregonstate.edu/ehs/sites/default/files/pdf/si/spill\\_response-chemicals\\_si.019.pdf](http://oregonstate.edu/ehs/sites/default/files/pdf/si/spill_response-chemicals_si.019.pdf)

- **Safety Shower and Eye Wash Station Testing**

Safety showers in a majority of OSU laboratories are now regularly tested by EH&S; however, the testing of eye wash stations remains the responsibility of PI's/laboratory managers. Eye wash stations are easy to test without special gear and these units should be flushed on a regular basis (every ca. 1-2 weeks) to avoid water stagnation. An inspection tag should be attached to the station to document when tests are completed and by whom.

[http://oregonstate.edu/ehs/sites/default/files/pdf/si/shower\\_and\\_eyewash\\_units\\_si076.pdf](http://oregonstate.edu/ehs/sites/default/files/pdf/si/shower_and_eyewash_units_si076.pdf)

- **Michael Burand is the New Chair of the Departmental Safety Committee**

Michael Burand is the new chair of the Departmental Safety Committee. The committee meets on a regular basis to oversee the implementation of safety policy within the Department of Chemistry. Do not hesitate to contact a relevant member of the committee to obtain safety advice and/or to alert the committee to any safety related issues that may arise. Normal business meetings take place once per term, please email Dr. Burand if you would like an issue added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting. The composition of the safety committee and contact information for each of its members can be found on SafetyWeb:

<http://chemsafety.chem.oregonstate.edu>