

## Spring Term 09: Safety Memorandum

- **Chemical inventory: up-dates due**

Regulatory rules from various agencies (including, state fire marshal, DEQ/EPA, and DHS), require that OSU file reports on its chemical holdings at various times throughout the year. One such report is due in late June. If your web-based chemical inventory is not current, we ask that you please up-date it during the next couple of weeks.

Note: the single most important data field for each chemical record within the inventory is the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) number, please be sure to include this information.

<http://oregonstate.edu/ehs/inventory.php>

- **Hazardous gas cylinders**

The Department is seeking to reduce its holdings of hazardous gas cylinders. If there are unwanted stocks of such items in your laboratory space, please contact the chair of the safety committee with a description of the cylinders and their location.

For an advisory on the safe use and handling of gas cylinders, please refer to the following bulletin:

<http://oregonstate.edu/ehs/bulletin/si22.html>

- **Surplus chemical reagent store**

EH&S has a store of unused chemicals that have been collected during the course of laboratory clean-outs. These items are available free of charge for use by suitably trained personnel working within OSU laboratories. A list of available chemicals can be found at:

<http://oregonstate.edu/ehs/hwpages/recycle.php>

- **Safety shower testing during June and July**

Annual testing of all safety showers within Gilbert Hall will take place in June and July. If you do NOT want a particular shower within your space tested, perhaps because delicate equipment is located beneath it, then please contact Kristi Edwards with this information immediately. Also, some active showers exist in rooms that are no longer used as (corrosive chemical) laboratories. If you should like such a unit to be deactivated to safe guard against an accidental release of water, then please contact Tim Rogers.

Finally, please remember that researchers are welcome to test their own safety showers at any time. Suitable test gear is available for loan from Kristi Edwards. The safety committee also recommend that all eye wash stations are flushed on a weekly basis to avoid water stagnation.

<http://oregonstate.edu/ehs/bulletin/si76.html>