

LABORATORY SAFETY EVALUATION

Principal Investigator: _____ Department: _____
PH#: _____ Building: _____
Date: _____ Room(s): _____

S = Satisfactory N = Needs Improvement* N/A = Not Applicable

*If an area is in need of improvement, please indicate significance of issue by ranking the issue 1 - 5, with 5 being the most significant. Add notes as necessary.

The items in this section are required to ensure regulatory compliance.

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Chemical Waste

Containment and Storage

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| ___ ___ ___ | 1. All containers are closed unless actively receiving waste. |
| ___ ___ ___ | 2. No containers are leaking. |
| ___ ___ ___ | 3. All containers are compatible with their contents. |
| ___ ___ ___ | 4. No hazardous waste is poured down the drain without prior approval by EHS. |
| ___ ___ ___ | 5. The location of waste pick-up is in the immediate vicinity of point of generation and under supervision of person who generated it. |
| ___ ___ ___ | 6. Waste containers are not overfilled. |
| ___ ___ ___ | 7. Wastes are properly segregated. |

Labeling

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| ___ ___ ___ | 1. Original container labels are removed or defaced. |
| ___ ___ ___ | 2. All containers are labeled "waste" or "spent" and their contents are identified. |

Disposal

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| ___ ___ ___ | 1. Each waste container that is ready for disposal has a properly filled out waste tag attached to it. |
| ___ ___ ___ | 2. For containers ready for disposal a properly filled out pick-up request form has been forwarded to EHS. Both the tags and pick-up request forms are available through EHS. |

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Special Waste

Sharps

- ___ ___ ___ 1. All metal sharps are deposited into appropriate containers.
- ___ ___ ___ 2. All glass sharps and other non-metallic piercing objects are properly segregated into appropriate broken glass containers.

Animals

- ___ ___ ___ 1. All animals and animal parts are kept frozen and double-bagged until pickup and delivery to Odessa Animal Control.

Microbiological Waste

- ___ ___ ___ 1. All microbiological waste is properly segregated and labeled.
- ___ ___ ___ 2. All microbiological waste must either be treated by the lab staff, e.g., autoclaved, prior to disposal.

Disposal of Microbiological Waste In the Lab

- ___ ___ ___ 1. A log is kept of all microbiological waste treated in the lab.
- ___ ___ ___ 2. Treated bags or containers of microbiological waste have "treated" labels attached before disposal in an opaque trash bag.
- ___ ___ ___ 3. The treatment methods used to treat microbiological waste in the lab are in accordance with the Management and Disposal of Biological Waste plan for UTPB.

Controlled Substances

Security

- ___ ___ ___ 1. Security is adequate to prevent unauthorized use, access, and diversion of controlled substances.
- ___ ___ ___ 2. Controlled substances are stored in a locked cabinet.

Records

- ___ ___ ___ 1. Records of purchases, acquisition, dispensations, and disposal of controlled substances are kept.

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Disposal

1. Outdated and unused controlled substances are disposed of in accordance with the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) procedures.

Hazard Communication Act

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MSDS

1. MSDS are available and readily accessible for every hazardous chemical present.
2. Lab personnel know where and how to obtain MSDS.

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Labels

1. The labels on incoming chemical containers are not removed or defaced and are maintained as required.
2. Secondary containers, other than ones for immediate use, are labeled with the identity of their contents.

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Training

1. All lab personnel have had Hazard Communication training.

The items in this section represent well-established safety and health guidelines that should be followed in all laboratories.

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Personal Protective Clothing

1. The appropriate personal protective clothing for work being performed is present and in good condition.
2. Lab personnel wear appropriate personal protective clothing while in the lab.

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Personal Protective Equipment

1. Fume hoods are working properly and only essential items are stored in them.
2. Fume hoods have been tested by EHS within the past year.
3. The fume hood sash is pulled down as far as is practical.
4. Biological safety cabinets are used properly and are certified on an annual basis.

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Emergency Equipment

- ___ ___ ___ 1. Emergency showers are available and are unobstructed.
- ___ ___ ___ 2. Emergency showers have been tested by EHS within the past year.
- ___ ___ ___ 3. Eyewashes are available, are unobstructed, and has been tested within the last three months by EHS personnel.
- ___ ___ ___ 4. Lab personnel are trained in the use of fire extinguishers.
- ___ ___ ___ 5. *Whenever* a fire extinguisher has been used, EHS is contacted.

Fire/Life Safety

- ___ ___ ___ 1. All exits and walkways in the lab are clear and unobstructed (must have a minimum of 44 inches of clearance).
- ___ ___ ___ 2. Lab doors are kept closed as much as possible to provide a fire and smoke barrier.
- ___ ___ ___ 3. The storage of combustibles, e.g., cardboard boxes and paper towels, is minimized.
- ___ ___ ___ 4. Bunsen burner tubing is checked regularly and any found cracked or brittle is replaced.
- ___ ___ ___ 5. Electrical equipment is properly maintained and stored away from flammable chemicals and combustible material.
- ___ ___ ___ 6. Fire extinguishers are close by, properly mounted on the wall bracket, and unobstructed.
- ___ ___ ___ 7. Hallways are not used for storage.

Electrical Safety

- ___ ___ ___ 1. All electrical cords are in good condition. None have cracked, brittle, or frayed insulation.
- ___ ___ ___ 2. All electrical equipment is properly grounded.
- ___ ___ ___ 3. No electrical/extension cords are run above the ceiling or behind walls.
- ___ ___ ___ 4. The use of extension cords in the lab is minimized.
- ___ ___ ___ 5. No electrical cords are run across the floor where they could be a tripping hazard.

Chemical Storage

- ___ ___ ___ 1. All chemicals are stored by hazard class, e.g., flammables, oxidizers, acids, bases, reactives, and toxins.
- ___ ___ ___ 2. No breakable chemical containers are stored on the floor.
- ___ ___ ___ 3. All chemical containers are kept closed.
- ___ ___ ___ 4. No hazardous chemicals are stored above eye level.

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5. Flammables stored in the lab are minimized and are kept in flammable storage cabinets.
6. Flammables are never stored in standard household refrigerators.
7. Chemicals are dated when received and opened.
8. The integrity of chemical containers and labels are checked regularly.
9. Compressed gas cylinders are secured and the safety cap is in place.

Physical Hazards

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1. All belt driven vacuum pumps are protected with belt guards.
2. All fans are guarded.
3. Pressurized systems are properly shielded.

Spill Control

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1. Spill control materials are available.
2. Lab personnel are trained in spill clean up procedures.