PPE Bits

★ Q: I missed the PPE Distribution Event. Can I still get my PPE?
   Yes! Vet Med Central Stores has set up two fitting locations
   Haring Hall next to the VMCS store rm. 1131 tel. 2-0157; and
   Swaggie store, Med Science1B rm. 135 tel. 2-3369.
   Please print your PPE Voucher and drop in between 8:30-10am. Please allow 20-30 minutes for fitting and distribution of PPE. You can also schedule a fitting or if you have PPE questions email vmcs@ucdavis.edu. For LHAIFP vouchers dated after 6/30/2014, PPE items will be charged to lab, so please have account or recharge number available. Note that VMCS has not received a complete inventory of PPE apparel so expect backorders on popular sizes. VMCS will fulfill the backorders when stock arrives.

★ Q: I want to designate an area where lab coats don’t have to be worn. How do I do that?
   Access the PPE/Lab Attire Hazard Assessment guidance document on the Department webpage. A step by step process is described to determine areas where lab coats might not be required. Documentation and training requirements are also described.

★ Q: I’ve heard about flame retardant gloves. Do you have any recommendations?
   I just ordered some different flame retardant gloves to try out. Come by my office if you want to try them on and discuss sources and uses of FR gloves.

Injury & Illness Prevention Plan Update

The Department IIPP has been reviewed and updated with the new members of the Department Safety Committee, Scott Berg replacing Michael Sisto, and the Students with Disabilities Guidelines was edited to be in compliance with State and Federal regulations.
Please make sure everyone is trained on the contents of the Department IIPP at least annually.

Abbreviations List Coming
We’re in the process of developing a list of common abbreviations for you to post, as needed. Stay tuned!
Emergency Contact Poster Updated

You should have a new orange Emergency Contact poster in your work area. If you don’t have a new one, there’s a stack of them in the copy room for your posting pleasure.

Annual Chemical Inventory Update & Self-Audits - REMINDER

All CIS account owners must update their chemical inventory and complete the CUPA Self-Audit checklist no later than Friday, January 16, 2015.

- CUPA Checklist must be completed annually.
- Retain this inspection record for at least three years.
- No need to submit copies to Environmental Health and Safety.

New reporting thresholds:
- All solid and liquid hazardous chemicals and mixtures greater than 1gm or 1ml must be included on the inventory.
- Any amount of compressed gases must also be included.

Contact cis@ucdavis.edu if you have any questions about the program.

Self/Peer Inspections

To comply with the requirement for a self/peer-inspection, Julia Zai kina and I will be doing peer inspections in the Department during the month of January. We’ll be using the self-inspection checklist developed by EH&S. If you prefer to do your own inspection, please let us know. Use the checklist provided and document any issues or corrective actions you take.
Male wild turkey from California (Yathin S. Krishnappa/Wikimedia Commons).

There may be a new way to season that turkey. A company called Season Shot has developed a biodegradable, flavored ammunition that will season a bird from the inside out. Brett Holm, a carpenter from Chaska, Minn., and cofounder of Season Shot, came up with the idea in 2005 after watching a friend struggle to remove steel shots from a game bird the friend was preparing for dinner.

According to the company’s website, www.seasonshot.com (Editor’s note: The website would seem to be active) the ammunition is made of tightly packed seasoning that’s injected into the bird on impact. When the bird is cooked, the seasoning pellets melt into the meat, spreading the flavor to the entire bird. Bloggers are buzzing about the product, and the company’s website says Season Shot is “coming soon” in these flavors: cajun, lemon pepper, garlic, teriyaki, and honey mustard.

A request to the company for more information was not immediately returned. Perhaps the product is not out of the woods yet, but the Newscripts gang is eagerly awaiting it.

-Linda Wang

Newscripts: Seasoned Ammunition