

# ***Chemistry Safety Notes***

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## **Abbreviation List**

A comprehensive chemical/chemical mixture abbreviation list has been developed. It's been posted on the Department Smart Site at "Safety." It's in an editable word document format so please subtract what doesn't apply to your operation. Once you've edited the list to suit your local conditions, please print it and post it in a prominent place in your various lab spaces. Train everyone on its location and use. Hat tip to Julia Zaikina for her hard work to collect this information, find proper chemical names, and assign the GHS codes!

## **Medical Waste Management Plan Update**

The Department Medical Waste Management Plan has been reviewed and updated. It's been posted on the Smart Site at "Safety." The new contact person is Debbie Decker, with Scott Berg as back up. If you generate Medical Waste, please replace the old plan with the new one and train your folks.

## **Self/Peer Inspections - Update**

Julia and Debbie have begun peer inspections in the Department. On some inspections, Crystyn Chase from EH&S will be joining us to fulfill the EH&S policy requirement for an annual inspection.

Inspections are scheduled for Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings, until we've gotten through the Department. If there's a day or time that you would prefer us to inspect your space, please let me know.

As we're doing our peer inspections, I've been putting a sheet in your safety binders that provides a link to the new lab safety manual/campus chemical hygiene plan. There's a training sheet included with the suitable regulatory language. I'm also changing the title of your lab-specific chemical hygiene plan to "lab safety plan." Please train folks on the new lab safety manual and campus chemical hygiene plan.

A new lab-specific laboratory safety plan template is being developed. When that template becomes available, I'll be asking you to update your plan to the new template.

## ***Machine Shop Work Orders – Now On-Line***

*The Machine Shop has created a new on-line work order system for submitting shop work requests and in-house service requests. The link is here <http://goo.gl/forms/QuvzY2NCjx>*

*It is also found on the Chemistry Department home page under the Facilities sub heading.*

## Principles of Safety

Recently, the Chancellor reaffirmed the [Principles of Safety](#). I've reproduced the salient points below for your review and discussion within your group.

*The University of California, Davis, is committed to the safety and well-being of its community. Our ultimate goal is to provide a safe environment for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors by implementing policies and procedures that protect people, facilities, and resources.*

### Values for a Safety Culture:

- *Community Spirit:* We recognize our professional and personal obligation to our community. By engaging in safe behaviors we show our respect for the well-being of those in our community.
- *Collaboration:* We value collaboration in cultivating a sustainable culture of safety on our campus. We are open and responsive to individual concerns and ideas for improvement
- *Adherence to Law and Policy:* We follow all applicable laws and university policies regarding safe working conditions and procedures that protect people, facilities, and the campus and its surroundings.
- *Investment:* We allocate appropriate resources to safety programs.
- *Continuous Improvement:* We recognize that safety and health can always be further enhanced, and we believe in continuous improvement in advancing a safety culture.
- *Accountability:* We hold ourselves accountable for reporting our performance and progress.



Courtesy of Teresa P and my daughter!



carlsagan:

unclepolymer:

Pusheen the cat making some chemistry.

That cat is not wearing safety goggles, he hasn't even bothered to clean up that spilled solvent, and he is holding that Erlenmeyer flask way too close to his face.

Pusheen the Cat, more like Pusheen the limits of lab safety