



## University Operating Procedure

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# Laboratory Safety – Chief Laboratory Safety Officer

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## Overview

The University of Vermont is committed to providing a healthy and safe working and learning environment, and to supporting environmentally sound practices in the conduct of University activities. It is University policy to comply with all applicable regulations and requirements related to research and teaching in laboratories. All University activities are to be conducted in a manner that ensures the protection of students, faculty, staff, visitors and the environment.

## Procedures

In furtherance of this goal, the Vice President for Administration shall appoint a Chief Laboratory Safety Officer (CLSO). The CLSO is responsible for identifying and monitoring day-to-day safety requirements in the laboratory and engaging in continuous review and examination of the infrastructure that provides support for safety practices and procedures. The CLSO will serve as the liaison between laboratories and the UVM Office of Environmental Safety.

## Definitions

None

## Contacts/Responsible Official

Questions related to the daily operational interpretation of this policy should be directed to the Vice President for Research, who shall serve ex officio as CLSO until such designation is revoked by the undersigned ex officio.

The Vice President for University Relations and Administration is the official responsible for the interpretation and administration of this procedure.

## Forms

None

## **Related Documents/Policies**

Environmental Health and Safety at UVM

<http://www.uvm.edu/safety/>

Laboratory Health and Safety

<http://www.uvm.edu/policies/riskmgm/labsafety.pdf>

UVM Environmental Management Plan for Disposal of Laboratory Chemical Wastes

<http://www.uvm.edu/safety/policy/laboratory-environmental-management-plan>

## **Effective Date**

Approved by the Vice President for University Relations and Administration January 22, 2014