University Operating Procedure

Laboratory Safety – Chief Laboratory Safety Officer

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 Operations and Public Safety is the official responsible for the interpretation and administration of this procedure.

Forms

None
Related Documents/Policies

Environmental Health and Safety at UVM
https://www.uvm.edu/riskmanagement/safety
Laboratory Health and Safety
UVM Environmental Management Plan for Disposal of Laboratory Chemical Wastes
https://www.uvm.edu/riskmanagement/waste-disposal-and-management

Effective Date

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

Responsible official officially changed from the Vice President for University Relations and Administration to the Vice President for Operations and Public Safety on October 1, 2019