

Chemistry Safety Notes

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Department Self-Inspection/EH&S Inspections

Guoliang and I finished up the department self-inspections, about 20 minutes before the shelter-in-place order was implemented. Thank you to all of you for continuing to work through the identified items as best you can. Remember to update the google sheet as you go along.

EH&S is starting their inspections this week. The EH&S Lab Safety Professional assigned to the department is Tony Schrick. Tony has a degree in chemistry and has been with EH&S for a number of years. Prior to Davis, Tony did similar work for EH&S at UC Santa Barbara. He'll be reaching out to schedule inspections over the next two months.

During his review, Tony will be checking to see if your SOPs and lab-specific safety plan have been reviewed and updated in the past year. Since it's been 3 years since some of these documents were created, it's time to make sure they accurately reflect current lab practice and the chemical lists are up to date. It's also time for refresher training on SOPs, if you haven't done it in the past year.

The revision page in the SOP/safety plan template is a good place to document the review updates.

EH&S Back-Up

As Debbie rides off into the sunset, Karen Gagnon (mkgagnon@ucdavis.edu 530.379.9149) and Veronica Thron (vthron@ucdavis.edu 530.902.0515) at EH&S will be available to provide support and help to the Department as needed. You can also call the EH&S help line at (530)752-1493 and ask to be connected to the on-call specialist.

So Long and Thanks for the Fish!

Well, it's been quite the adventure! I've enjoyed working in the Chemistry Department for the past seven years and we can be proud of the progress we've made towards building a safer and healthier workplace. I will miss you all and wish you every good thing life might have for you. I was hoping for a party but we'll have to be content with a virtual adieu. My ucdavis email address will remain active for the time being so drop me a howdy, if you're inclined.

All of my warmest wishes for your continued success!

Debbie



Elevator Etiquette

Please avoid congregating in elevator lobbies and sharing the elevator. If you must share, please practice social distancing as best you can—X marks the spot. Or take the stairs. Good to grab that exercise any way we can.



Fire Code Inspections

Fire Code inspections wrapped up in March and the findings were distributed last month. Please continue to make corrections and let me know when you've accomplished those. We had a good inspection, overall, with minor issues.

Greetings in the Time of COVID-19:



Live Long and Prospurrrrr



Corona High 5



Emergency Exit From the Annex

For the next few months, emergency exiting from the south tower of the Annex will be to the south, toward the Mrak Hall parking lot. The exit door is well-marked and the route through the construction zone is fenced off. There's a one-way gate to the bicycle path. Daily entry into the Annex will continue under the breezeway—shown by the green line on the drawing. Please ignore the letters on the sketch—these do NOT correspond to our evacuation gathering points.

