Friendly Reminders

Only the latest Biosafety Project Approval Certificate form will be accepted. Hard copy submissions can be made to: P310 Pathology or electronically: biosafety.program@umanitoba.ca with the subject “PI SURNAME—BPAC”

Update your biosafety permit within 30 days of any changes to personnel, rooms, inventory etc. To get started, visit the EHSA database.

Importing/exporting Risk Group 2 Pathogens or Toxins requires a signed and submitted Biohazardous Agent Transfer form

We have a new office!

EHS– Bannatyne now has a permanent new home! We’re located at P310 Pathology Building (770 Bannatyne Ave).

We’re having an Open House on Friday, December 9th between 9:30-11:00am. Come by for coffee and say hello!

FYI

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Updates to BPAC Approval Process

BPACs are reviewed at monthly committee meetings and are given a status of one of the following:

- **Hold** - BPAC needs to be revised and reviewed again by the committee at the next meeting
- **Conditional Approval**—minor revisions are requested and are reviewed by the BSO and Chair
- **Approved**—No further information needed, funds can be released

The BPAC results are distributed via the Associate Dean of Research (Medicine). These results will now be sent electronically by email rather than hard-copy.

For BPACs with “Approval” status, the results will be sent to Office of Research Services directly. You will no longer need to submit this approval yourself.

Use our checklist as a guide to assist in getting your BPAC approved
Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Hazardous Waste Program at the University of Manitoba is specific to both the Fort Garry and the Bannatyne Campuses. This is a service that is free of charge, and encompasses the generation, collection and disposal of the hazardous material.

Hazardous Waste that is accepted by the program is chemical waste (solvents – non-halogenated, halogenated, oil), solid reagents, Mercury (elemental and contaminated debris), contaminated material (spill-cleanup waste, pipette tips, etc.), and even sharps (syringes, needles, laboratory glass – which all have to be autoclaved and placed in puncture proof containers).

**Fort Garry Campus** - Fill out a [Hazardous Waste form](mailto:hazwaste@umanitoba.ca) & submit to hazwaste@umanitoba.ca to schedule a pick-up.

**Bannatyne Campus** - Hazardous material can be dropped off (accompanied with the Hazardous Waste Form) on the 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings of the month. If a large volume of waste is required to be disposed of, it is strongly suggested to schedule a pickup instead of dropping off.

If there are any questions about the disposal of hazardous material, please email hazwaste@umanitoba.ca

Biosafety Training Reminder

We currently have 2 biosafety training modules. Both modules can be completed online and will be required for all listed laboratory personnel to renew your biosafety permit. See/click below for the module you will need to complete.

- **For all new personnel to the lab**
- **Includes:**
  - Overview of the biosafety program at the University of Manitoba
  - General biosafety including how biological safety cabinets work, spill-clean up, PPE etc.
  - New federal regulation in effect as of December 2015

- **Generic Biosafety Training (G16)**

- **For personnel who completed Generic Biosafety training prior to April 19th, 2016**
- **Includes updates to the biosafety program and new federal regulations in effect as of December 2015**

- **Generic Refresher Training (R16)**

For upcoming biosafety permit renewals, we will be scheduling in-person refresher training sessions for both campuses. Session information will be sent shortly.