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# National Institutes of Health Laboratory Animal Care and Use Program Occupational Safety and Health Program in Summary

- I. NIH Policies related to Occupational Safety and Health in the Care and Use Laboratory Animals
  - A. Occupational Safety and Health Protection for Federal Employees (Poster)
  - B. MI-1340, Occupational Safety and Health Management
  - C. MI-3034, Working with Hazardous Materials
  - D. NIH Chemical Hygiene Plan
  - E. NIH Hazard Communication Program
  - F. NIH/CDC Biosafety In Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories
  - G. NIH Exposure Control Plan for Non-Hospital Personnel
  - H. MI-3044-2, Protection of NIH Personnel Who Work with Nonhuman Primates
  - I. Additional Responsibilities and Training Requirements for Working with Nonhuman Primates
  - J. NIH Waste Disposal Calendar
  - K. MI-1342, NIH Occupant Evacuation Plan
- II. Occupational Medical Service (6-4411)
  - A. Pre-employment screening
  - B. Baseline Serum Storage
  - C. Vaccinations
    - 1. Hepatitis B
    - 2. Rabies
    - 3. Tetanus
    - 4. Vaccinia
    - 5. Other
  - D. Health Surveillance Programs
    - 1. Animal Exposure Surveillance Program (AESP)
      - o Preplacement medical evaluation
      - o Counseling (e.g. allergies, relevant zoonoses)
      - Tuberculine skin testing
      - o Medical evaluation for work related illness and injury
    - 2. Retrovirus Exposure Surveillance Program (RESP)
      - o Prophylaxis
      - Counseling

- Follow-up
- 3. Formaldehyde Exposure Surveillance
- 4. Ethylene Oxide Exposure Surveillance
- 5. Respiratory Protection Program
- 6. Hearing Conservation Program
- 7. Other Services
- E. First Aid
- F. Rx Safety Glasses
- III. Occupational Safety and Health Branch (6-2960)
  - A. Safety Support Section (6-3457)
    - 1. Environmental Monitoring
      - o Chemical Hazards (e.g. ammonia)
      - o Physical Hazards (e.g. noise, heat)
    - 2. Respiratory Protection Program
    - 3. Ethylene Oxide Surveillance Program
    - 4. Formaldehyde Exposure Surveillance Program
    - 5. Biological Safety Cabinets
      - Annual Certification of Cabinets
      - Coordinate Procurement
      - Repairs
    - 6. Chemical Fume Hoods
      - o Annual Certification
    - 7. Local Exhaust Ventilation
      - Consultation
      - Annual Certification
    - 8. . Certification Services for all other HEPA Filtered Equipment
      - Ventilated Racks
      - Cage Change Workstations
      - Dump Stations
    - 9. Safety Shoe Program
    - 10. Tyvek Recycling Program
  - B. Safety Operations Section (6-2346)
    - 1. IC Safety Specialists
      - Safety Surveys and Inspections
        - Laboratory
        - Animal Housing and Procedure Room
      - Certification of facilities and practices for all areas involved with the use of registered materials; potential human pathogens and toxins; recombinant DNA
      - Participation on all IC ACUC's
        - Protocol review

- Personal practices and procedure review
- Update Registration Documents
  - Recombinant DNA, Human Pathogen Registration
- Waste management Issues Assistance
- Clearance issuance for renovation
- o On Call Assistance
- Training Resources

### C. Technical Assistance Section (6-3353)

- 1. Toxicology/Pharmacology/Industrial Hygiene/Microbiology
- 2. Training
- 3. Asbestos Abatement Oversight
- 4. Laser Safety Program
- 5. Other MSDS's, EMF
- 6. Import/Export Permits
- 7. Packaging requirements for biological, diagnostic, and infectious material and dangerous goods

## D. Pest Management Unit (6-4294)

- 1. Proactive Integrated Pest Management
  - Regular Monitoring and Inspection of all NIH Facilities
- 2. Technical Oversight and Evaluation of All Contracted Pest Management Activities
- 3. Consultative Services
- 4. Record Keeping and Comprehensive Reports
- 5. Recommendation
  - Personnel practices
  - Facility Conditions
- 6. Remedial Control of Pests Using Nonpesticidal and Pesticidal Methods
- 7. Training for Animal Care Personnel on Pest Management topics in Support of the IPM Program
- 8. Quality Assurance and Inspection of Animal Feed and bedding Supplies
- 9. Technical Guidance on the Renovation, Design, and Construction of Animal Care Facilities
- 10. Field Trials and Evaluation of Novel nonpesticidal Control Methods for use in and Around Animal Care Facilities
- IV. Environmental Protection Branch (6-3537)
- A. Environmental Compliance (6-7775)

- 1. Environmental audits, assessments, compliance, permits, facility inspection
- 2. Guidance on pollution prevention
- 3. Waste minimization strategies
- 4. Sediment erosion control plans Storm water management
- 5. Waste water discharge quality monitoring and release reporting
- 6. Air emissions monitoring Stack emissions monitoring
- 7. Construction consultation (waste, environmental permits)
- 8. Hazardous Waste Manifest tracking and approval

## B. Pollution Control Section (6-7775)

- 1. Underground storage tank program
- 2. Environmental impact and policy review

#### C. Waste management Section (6-7990)

- 1. Recycling collection containers, policies and procedures (2-6036)
- 2. General waste collection/disposal, loading dock dumpster service, consultation
- 3. Chemical and Hazardous waste management policies and procedures
- 4. Laboratory clean-out (chemical waste questions, schedule in advance, 6-4710)
- 5. Laboratory chemical moving service (questions)
- 6. Management policies and procedures; minimize generalization of chemical waste
- 7. Medical pathological waste collection and disposal (6-7990)
- 8. Mixed and multi-hazard waste information, policies, and procedures (6-4710)

#### V. Radiation Safety Branch (6-5774)

#### A. Radiation Safety Operations Section

- 1. Health Physicists
  - Consultation and Technical Assistance
  - Surveys and Inspections
  - Laboratory Clearance
  - Emergency Response (Spills, Contamination)
  - o Review Radiation Safety Animal Study Proposals
  - o Participate in IC ACUC's

# B. Technical Services Section

- 1. Radioactivity Analysis laboratory
  - o Bioassay Program
  - Radiation Exposure Monitoring
  - o Environmental Exposure Monitoring
- C. Radiation Safety Training (6-2255)
  - 1. Radiation Safety in the Laboratory
  - 2. Radiation Safety for Animal Handlers
- D. Radioactive Material Control Section
  - 1. Packages of radioactive Materials
    - o Receipt, Inspection, Delivery
    - Preparation for Shipment off-site
  - 2. Radioactive and Mixed Waste Management