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To: Biosafety Permit holders, Laboratory Supervisors, Associate Deans (Research) for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Science, Engineering, Kinesiology, Arts and Nursing

CC: Biosafety Committee

Biohazard Transfer Procedures

This is an announcement regarding the publication of new procedures for transfer of biohazards.

Optimized process to meet regulatory requirements

Biosafety Committee previously discussed the options for improving the process, both from an administrative and a regulatory compliance point of view. The Biohazard Transfer Procedures contain directions and fillable forms and are accessible at <http://ucalgary.ca/safety/programs/biosafety>

Additional activities subject to legislative requirements

Since the implementation of new legislation in December 2015, there has been a four-fold increase in the number of biohazard transfers subject to the legislation. These steps are required by the federal regulators for everyone's safety.

Stakeholder feedback

Development of the procedures included lab personnel, faculty and affected stakeholders. I want to acknowledge several people who helped refine the process during the initial period of development – it certainly improves the outcome for all.

I look forward to your cooperation in making UCalgary a healthy and safe learning and working environment.

Thank you for your continued support.
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