

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

**To: Biosafety Permit holders**

Dear Colleagues,

We are making the first steps to integrate the Biosafety Permit system (BioLogistix) into the existing software suite Chematix. This is an exciting initiative that will streamline permit processing and facilitates our institutional requirements governed by Federal legislation and emergency response.

Over several months, informal consultations were held with key stakeholders within faculties and business units. We listened carefully to determine the needs and how best to support the research community for our first release.

In an effort to protect research time, we commit to transferring your existing data into BioLogistix and only ask that you validate the migrated data when you receive notification that the transfer is complete.

The first release of BioLogistix will include the following features:

- 24 x 7 online access to the Biosafety Permit
- Permit status in the authorization sequence
- Less information requested from the user
- System notifications/Email confirmations

We are acutely aware that the lack of integration adversely affects research activity. To this end, we are working with John Reynolds, Associate Vice-President (Research), to look for opportunities to collaborate and make data readily accessible for other university processes. For example, your Biosafety Permit will be uploaded into IRISS on your behalf.

We are in the process of conducting user-testing sessions for Lab Managers on April 25<sup>th</sup> (10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) and Principal Investigators on May 9<sup>th</sup> (10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.). If you are interested in participating please **RSVP** to [Tara Younker](mailto:Tara.Younker@ucalgary.ca) so more details can be provided to you. The first official release is currently planned for July, and more details will be provided at a later date.

If you have comments and suggestions, please contact me at [aburet@ucalgary.ca](mailto:aburet@ucalgary.ca).

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