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

Biosafety Program – Fundamental Projects

Background

As a follow-up to the message sent on Feb 27, 2015, please see details below regarding Fundamental Projects that are part of the Biosafety Program Update Plan 2015 (attached). Environment, Health & Safety has committed additional resources to develop the program in advance of the federal legislation ([Human Pathogens and Toxins Act](#) & [Canadian Biosafety Standards and Guidelines](#)) coming into force on Dec 1, 2015.

Projects involving the development of Training, Biosafety Manual and Biosafety Program materials

The complex projects listed above are fundamental to the success of the Biosafety Program. The Biosafety Committee met on May 7, 2015 and reviewed feedback provided by university stakeholders regarding training as well as draft program materials. Work continues in this regard.

Distribution of Biosafety-related materials

Over the next few weeks, EHS personnel will be distributing materials directly to affected laboratories. These include:

- Biosafety Cabinet Safety Notice stickers
- Post-Exposure Protocol for Biological Hazards (text and illustrations)
- Biohazard Laboratory Safety Rules posters

I ask for your cooperation as they visit each lab and ask that you widely communicate this initiative, and the information therein, directly to your lab personnel. Copies are attached for your information.

Health and Safety Tours/Inspections

Members of the Executive Leadership Team are participating in a number of initiatives during Safety and Wellness Week (Sep 14-18) including Health and Safety Tours/Inspections. Members of the Biosafety Committee are separately participating in similar tours with a specific focus on key biosafety-related projects noted above. Details for these events are being finalized.

Please contact me if you have any questions.
Thank you for your interest and continued support.
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