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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 – Stakeholder Input into Training Requirements

Opportunity

The purpose of this letter is to request input from Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel into Training Requirements of the Biosafety Program. Development of the Training Program is required by federal legislation ([Human Pathogens and Toxins Act](#) & [Canadian Biosafety Standards and Guidelines](#)) and will likely involve increased training requirements as of fall 2015.

Your participation is crucial to the considerations of the [Biosafety Committee](#) in developing the Training Program. Representation from interested faculty, staff and students from across the university is sought.

The goals for these working groups are to:

- Determine gaps in the current training program
- Identify mandatory versus optional training
- Identify target groups (e.g. Principal Investigators, Laboratory Personnel)
- Choose delivery format (i.e. classroom, online, blended learning)
- Consider refresher training

Group	Date	Time	Location (to be determined)	Purpose
Group 1	March 5	9am-11am	Foothills Campus	Brainstorming
	March 12	9am-10am	Foothills Campus	Regroup and Wrap-up
Group 2	March 9	2pm-4pm	Main Campus	Brainstorming
	March 12	2pm-3pm	Main Campus	Regroup and Wrap-up

Your participation in both sessions (for either group) is preferred.

Register before March 4 by emailing epogrady@ucalgary.ca to obtain exact locations and ensure sufficient space for participants.

Information gathered at these sessions will be brought forward to the Biosafety Committee in May, 2015.

Thank you for your time and interest.
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