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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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