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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

**Biosafety Training and Onboarding Requirements**

This is an announcement regarding an update to biosafety training and onboarding requirements.

**Biosafety Training**

Biosafety Committee recently discussed the naming convention for the biosafety training courses based on feedback from Principal Investigators and lab personnel. The meeting finished with strong recommendations that were recently implemented.

There is no requirement to re-take any course based on the following name changes:

- **“Biosafety (Program) Training” (EHS027)** *Adding parentheses only*
- **“Biosafety (Biohazard Handling) Training” (EHS032)** *This course is equivalent to prior versions called “Biosafety Laboratory Training” and “Biosafety (Introduction) Training”*
- **“Biosafety (Bloodborne Pathogens) Training” (EHS002)** *Adding parentheses only*

A one-pager listing of applicable courses is attached. Multiple courses are being offered through May and June to meet demand. Select applicable courses at [http://ucalgary.ca/safety/courses](http://ucalgary.ca/safety/courses)

**Onboarding Requirements**

It is important that supervisors follow specific onboarding requirements to ensure lab personnel have access to training and appropriate coverage while working in the lab. The following webpages, maintained by other departments, have specific information for onboarding [Employees (including summer students), Volunteers], as well as these personnel: [Visiting Scholars, Guest Postdoc, and Contractors/Consultants].

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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EHS Orientation & Training

Please see “EHS Course Listing” at the following link:
http://www.ucalgary.ca/safety/courses

1. Occupational Health & Safety Orientation (EHS013) – all including PI

2. Hazard Assessment Training (EHS008) – all including PI

3. Incident Reporting & Investigation Training (EHS010) – all who supervise employees and students, and those who participate in conducting investigations

4. WHMIS 2015 (EHS030) – all including PI

5. Laboratory Safety Training * (EHS031) – all including PI if working in lab

6. Spill Response Training (EHS020) – all including PI if working in a lab

7. Biosafety (Program) Training (EHS027) – all including PI

8. Biosafety (Biohazard Handling) Training * (EHS032) – all including PI if handling biohazards

9. Biosafety (Bloodborne Pathogens) Training (EHS002) – all including PI if handling bloodborne pathogens

10. Any other courses as identified on your Hazard Assessment and Control Form (HACF)

* = Classroom