BIOSAFETY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is the federal regulatory body that grants SFU a licence to conduct research and teaching activities with biohazardous materials. As a licence requirement, all laboratory personnel listed on biosafety permits must have both general and laboratory-specific safety training, and this training must be documented. To facilitate meeting PHAC training requirements, new online training modules are being offered.

Principal Investigators

Biosafety permit holders are required to complete the Biosafety Training for Principal Investigators module and associated quiz online through Canvas: https://canvas.sfu.ca/enroll/4YLFWX. This module was developed in collaboration with faculty on the SFU Biosafety Committee, and should take no more than 30-45 minutes to complete. We ask that this be completed by Friday, June 23, 2017.

Users Listed on a Biosafety Permit

1) General Safety Training

- Attendance at the in-person EHRS Laboratory Safety Biosafety training session is required. For personnel who miss, or start in-between the session offerings, the PI or designate is responsible for covering the topics listed in this session.

- All users should complete selected online PHAC training modules according to whether they are listed under a CL1 or CL2 biosafety permit. Users will need to register and log-in to the PHAC e-learning portal at www.publichealth.gc.ca/training.

- CL1 personnel are required to complete the General Safety for Containment Labs module. CL2 personnel are required to complete the General Safety for Containment Labs and the Containment Level 2 Operational Practices modules. A Certificate of Participation for these modules must be saved and included with other training documentation.

2) Laboratory Specific Training

- General biosafety training must be supplemented by lab-specific training. The PI is responsible for training their employees/students on all lab-specific protocols and procedures, and for documenting that training. EHRS has created a customizable checklist that can be used to document training.

- As required by PHAC, all users listed under a CL2 biosafety permit must complete the Emergency Response Refresher Training module and associated quiz annually through Canvas: https://canvas.sfu.ca/enroll/3EK73K

If you have any questions regarding the above training requirements, please do not hesitate to contact Monica Szczepina at mszczepi@sfu.ca.