



## EHSO TRAINING

Exciting news! Environmental Health and Safety Training is transitioning to the learning management system OnPoint. While Hazard Communication/General Safety and Sooner Fire Safety training modules are now completed using OnPoint, the remaining EHSO safety training modules will continue to be accessed thru the EHSO training page. Laboratory Safety training should be available via OnPoint sometime during this calendar year (2016).

Completion of the transition is expected by June 30, 2017. We appreciate your patience as we go through this important transition.

- You can easily find training links and pertinent information by going to the HR [Required Training](#) page.
- You can print your OnPoint training completion certificates anytime in OnPoint by logging in and accessing your training records.
- Students, unpaid interns and volunteers may complete the EHSO training held on OnPoint by logging in and accessing the library.



## LAB SAFETY CORNER

### OU HSC BIOSAFETY NEWS

The IBC and IACUC are transferring to a new research database system, TOPAZ Elements. The go-live date is August 8<sup>th</sup>. Town Hall meetings will be held in order to facilitate information regarding the transition. What to look forward to with the new biosafety form submission:

- Agreement to Standard Operating Procedures that are included in the form. So no more typos regarding the location of the broom and dustpan or the percentage of bleach being used.
- Much shorter form. All the necessary information will still be provided but your anguish of completing the form will be much shorter.
- Each section will be on a different page. Say goodbye to the annoying scrolling.
- Ability to send a colleague a pre-submission of your protocol for their opinions or mentoring.
- Biosketches only need to be submitted one time unless you have something new to add.
- Projects submitted to more than one funding agency can be submitted on one form.

### TOWN MEETING:

- Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am , Library Auditorium (299)

### IDENTIFYING OBSOLETE & OUTDATED CHEMICALS LOCATED IN YOUR LAB

Chemical containers in poor condition can result in leakage of hazardous chemicals. This increases the risk of exposure to these hazardous chemicals. "Inherently waste-like chemicals" include but are not limited to expired chemicals, chemicals in deteriorating containers and chemicals that appear to be or are unusable.

- Do not keep chemicals past their expiration date. Do not keep chemicals that have faded labels, deteriorating containers, leaks, and/or other obvious signs that the chemicals are not being used and are very likely to not be used in the future.
- All chemical containers must be in good condition with no visible damage or deterioration. Caps must be secure, intact, and without chemical residue. Labels must be intact, and fully legible. Any container found to be leaking, rusted, or forming precipitates should be disposed of immediately as chemical waste.
- Stored chemicals shall be examined at least annually by the person in charge of the laboratory for replacement, deterioration, and container integrity. Conduct cleanouts when you do your annual [chemical inventory update](#). Itemize chemicals to be removed, and submit the list to EHSO for a [chemical waste pick-up](#).

