



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICE: WHAT DO WE DO?

The Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) provides health, safety and environmental services for the University of Oklahoma in order to facilitate compliance with all environmental, occupational health and safety regulations. These regulations include, but are not limited to, those issued by Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Transportation, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Labor.

The aim of the EHSO is to develop and coordinate appropriate policies and programs to promote occupational health/safety, reduce accidents and injuries, protect the environment, and provide assistance to all campuses regarding environmental and occupational regulatory compliance. The EHSO accomplishes this through education and outreach; regulatory review and assessment; peer communication and guidance; and campus inspections and audits.

EHSO TRAINING

EHSO and Biosafety training will continue transitioning to the University learning management system (OnPoint) through next summer (2017). Given both the duration and scope of this transition, it is understandable if confusion arises surrounding EHSO training. OU Human Resources has a web page that outlines required university training and provides associated web links. Select your campus location accessible via this link: <http://hr.ou.edu/Employees/Career-Development/Required-Training>

Employees will continue receiving periodic emails until all their required training has been successfully completed. While this transition period can be challenging and confusing, it does not alter employee compliance training requirements. Completion of the transition is expected by June 30, 2017. We appreciate your patience as we go through this important transition.

OUHSC RECYCLING

The University recycling contract with Waste Management was not renewed. OU-Norman has agreed to take over the recycling for the OU Health Sciences campus. Waste Management, (unknown to campus administration) set about picking up all containers they believed to have provided to OUHSC. OU Norman recycling is in the process of replacing all the necessary containers and perfecting the procedure of the recycling pick up. For more information or to request containers, please contact recycling@ou.edu.

HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

The beginning of the Holiday season brings festive decorations and cooler weather. The University Fire Marshal offices have policies to be followed to keep you and others safe.

[OU Norman Campus-Holiday Decorations Policy](#)

[OUHSC - OU-Tulsa-Fire Safety Policy](#)

DHS "CHEMICALS OF INTEREST"

DHS has issued [Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards \(CFATS\)](#) for all facilities that manufacture, use, store, or distribute certain chemicals on the [chemicals of interest list](#) that includes chemicals that present one or more security issues. In order to comply with the regulatory requirements, each OU PI is responsible for reviewing the chemicals of interest list and reporting the possession of any of the chemicals on the list through an on-line chemical inventory. **Even though you may not possess any of the chemicals on the list, as a PI you are still responsible for completing the inventory.** This inventory should be updated whenever there is a change in the PIs inventory and reviewed at least annually for accuracy. The OU DHS on-line chemical inventory is found at <https://apps.ouhsc.edu/DHSIC>.

BIOSAFETY NEWS

OUHSC: Due to the Holiday break in November, the IBC meeting has been rescheduled for December 15th. All protocol should be entered into TOPAZ Elements prior to December 2nd in order to be processed in time for review at the meeting.

OU-NORMAN: The IBC Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 24, 2017. Please remember to use the [Protocol Resubmission Form](#) when making minor amendments (such as submitting to an alternate funding source) to a protocol approved within the last 3 years

BIOSAFETY TRAINING-Required for all PIs and protocol associates.

[OUHSC Biosafety training](#)

[OU Norman Campus Biosafety training](#)

