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NRC INPSECTION

On August 25 and 26 of this year the University of Missouri’s Research and Development component of our Broad Scope Radioactive Materials license was inspected by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Decommissioning Branch. The purpose of the inspection was for the NRC to conduct independent radiological surveys of Pickard Hall in support of the ongoing radiological characterization of the facility and examine activities performed by MU related to that process.

Based on the results of the inspection, the NRC determined that a Severity Level IV violation was warranted for us not posting “Caution Radioactive Materials” signs in a few areas of the building which currently have areas of minor legacy contamination underneath the floorings of the building from historical research with radium-226 performed by Dr. Schlundt back in the early 1900’s when Pickard Hall was the old chemistry building.

A level IV Notice of Violation is the lowest possible score of a violation and is issued for minor administrative deficiencies.

Corrective actions have been taken and we have since posted the impacted areas.

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New Director of EHS

Maureen Kotlas

Maureen has been Director of EHS since August 2011. Prior to coming to MU, she served as Director of Environmental Health and Safety at Stony Brook University in New York, University of Maryland - College Park and most recently Harvard University. She is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and has served in various leadership capacities with the premiere EHS professional organization - Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA) - including serving as President of the organization in the 2010/11 year.
Excellent Lab Awards for 3rd Qtr 2011

- Dr. Ibdah
- Dr. Durante
- Dr. Lorson
- Dr. Mawhinney

This is a list of the AUs on campus who received the highest number of “Excellent” scores during this period. Congratulations!

Upcoming Training

“Introduction to Radiation Safety at MU”
(1:30 pm-4:30 pm)
- December 7th, 2011

“Rad Refresher” (1:30 pm-3:30 pm)
- November 10th, 2011
- December 21st, 2011

To register for these or other classes visit
http://ehs.missouri.edu/train

Happy Thanksgiving

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