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EXTENDED FRIDAY WASTE ROOM HOURS

Beginning on Friday, May 20, 2005, the Waste Room (Brown 1158) will also be open for an hour on Fridays.

The new Waste Room hours are:
Wednesday & Friday, 2:15 - 3:15pm.

Please Note: Anyone who brings waste to the Waste Room during these times **MUST** have attended a Hazardous Waste Training session (initial or refresher) within the previous 12 months. If you have not previously attended this training or are due for a refresher, please refer to the ES website for the next scheduled session.

http://www.nyu.edu/environmental_services/training.shtml#hazwaste

NEXT ROUND OF EPA AUDITS: DENTAL CENTER

In accordance with NYU's EPA Self-Audit Agreement, which was signed in March 2005 between NYU and EPA, NYU's College of Dentistry will have an EPA Audit of all their laboratories the week of July 11, 2005. The results of the audit will be reported to EPA.

In January 2005, all other NYU labs and art facilities were audited. A few minor issues were identified and reported to EPA. All were corrected.

We would like to thank the faculty, staff and students of all laboratory and art departments for all their hard work in making the audit such a success.

SELECT AGENT RULE FINALIZED IN MARCH

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) published final rules for the possession, use, and transfer of select agents and toxins (42 C.F.R. Part 73, 7 C.F.R. Part 331, and 9 C.F.R. Part 121) in the Federal Register on March 18, 2005.

These rules cover certain listed biological agents and toxins, more often referred to as "Select Agents", which are considered to pose a threat to public health and could possibly be used as bioterrorism agents. A complete listing of these agents can be found at: http://www.nyu.edu/environmental_services/pdfs/SAlist.pdf

Any possession or research use of such materials must be registered with the DHHS or USDA. NYU will soon be conducting its **annual survey** of all research labs to determine if there have been any changes to the possession and use at NYU. Please watch out for the survey. Further information on Select Agents is available at: http://www.nyu.edu/environmental_services/biosafety.shtml#SAs

IATA TRAINING FOR SHIPPERS AND RECEIVERS OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS

Anyone shipping or receiving potentially hazardous materials such as: infectious substances, diagnostic specimens, genetically modified microorganisms, potentially hazardous biological materials, and/or dry ice, is required to have International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Dept. of Transportation (DOT) training in the general requirements of the regulations. The training must be repeated every two years as long as you ship or receive such materials

Environmental Services has prepared a [Study Guide](#) that covers the requirements for shipping and receiving of biological materials and provides instructions on how to properly transport these materials as required by 49 CFR 172 Subpart H, and section 1.5 of the 2005 IATA Dangerous Goods Requirements. If you do ship or receive such materials, please review the [Study Guide](#) and then complete and return the associated [Post-Test](#). These documents are available at the links below.

Study Guide: http://www.nyu.edu/environmental_services/pdfs/IATA-Training.pdf
Post-Test: http://www.nyu.edu/environmental_services/pdfs/IATA-Test.pdf

PERSISTENT LAB COMPLIANCE ISSUES

While the EPA may not always be on campus conducting compliance audits, it is the policy of NYU to be at audit readiness at all times. NYU relies on each and every student, faculty member, and staff member to do their part to achieve this goal. Despite the great efforts already being put forth, there are still some compliance issues that are observed nearly every day during lab walkthroughs. The more persistent of these issues include:

- ◆ Food and Drink in the lab (this includes water bottles)!
- ◆ Individuals not wearing gloves and/or safety glasses when working with chemicals and/or transporting hazardous waste.
- ◆ Incompatible chemicals stored together. Please check before storage.
- ◆ No secondary containment in chemical cabinets.
- ◆ Bottles of 2-propanol not dated upon opening. This is an FDNY regulation for which we have recently received many violations.

Please remember that health and safety at NYU is everyone's responsibility.