New Laboratory Registration Procedure

The new lab worker laboratory registration procedure using the EHS Assistant software is now complete. The EHS Assistant software allows Principal Investigators (PI) or Department Safety Officers (DSO) to approve or decline student and employee permissions to their laboratories electronically. The process is initiated when the new student/employee takes our Safety Orientation training. Once completed, the PI/DSO gets an e-mail indicating the new student/employee has requested permission to work in the laboratory. The student/employee will receive the PI/DSO’s decision by e-mail. Those that are under 18 years of age will also receive a Lab Consent Form to be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. Key card access to laboratories is handled through DSO's so new employees or students will secure this privilege through them. PI’s can also manually add or delete laboratory permissions to their laboratory by going to the EHS Assistant software under the “Permit Worker” section. For more information on the Registration Procedure contact the EHS Office at (617) 373-2769 or email ehs@neu.edu.

Chemical Inventory

As of January 2013, chemical inventories have been required for all laboratories using chemicals as designated by the Laboratory Safety Committee. The Office of Environmental Health & Safety assisted departments in establishing a baseline campus wide electronic chemical inventory system throughout 2013, using the EHS Assistant software. Each lab supervisor will be responsible for maintaining and updating his/her inventory. Inventories must be maintained for all hazardous chemicals. The Chemical Inventory Guidance document available on our website provides helpful information on how to properly maintain an accurate inventory: http://www.ehs.neu.edu/laboratory_safety/chemical_inventory/ . For more information on the EHS Assist Chemical Inventory system, contact the EHS Office at (617) 373-2769 or email ehs@neu.edu.
Training

There are two ways to access the Environmental Health and Safety classroom and online training:

1. You can go to the Training Page on our website: http://www.ehs.neu.edu/training/
2. Or, through myNEU at the Service and Links tab:

Please remember to view your training history and any required refresher training whenever you access these sites.

New GHS Pictograms and Safety Data Sheets

OSHA revised its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to align with the United Nations’ Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) and published it in the Federal Register on March 26, 2012 (77 FR 17574). Two significant changes contained in the revised standard require the use of new labeling elements and a standardized format for Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), formerly known as Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs). The new label elements pictograms and SDS requirements will improve worker understanding of the hazards associated with the chemicals in their workplace. To help industries comply with the revised standard, OSHA is phasing in the specific requirements over several years (December 1, 2013 to June 1, 2016). More information on GHS can be found at this link: http://www.ehs.neu.edu/laboratory_safety/globally_harmonized/.