Peter LaPointe is happy to join the Office of Environmental Health and Safety as a co-op student. He is a third year chemistry major, and this is his first co-op. While working with EH&S, Peter helps with inspection of lab safety equipment, review of chemical inventories, hazardous waste disposal projects, as well as updating laboratory training records. He also aids EH&S staff with escorting agencies in conducting inspections and wastewater sampling across campus. Peter, originally from upstate New York, welcomes the change of pace in Boston and takes advantage of the more prevalent live music scene.

Jade Mimms is a third-year student on her first co-op with Environmental Health and Safety. In this co-op, Jade supports the biosafety program by creating fact sheets, updating training modules, reviewing autoclave facilities and scheduling and conducting safety audits. In her leisure time, Jade enjoys attending spin classes and exploring Boston. Jade hopes to graduate with a B.S. in biology with a minor in psychology spring of 2019.

As of February 9th, we are no longer located at 170 Cullinane Hall. If you need assistance or just want to stop by, we can found at 320 Renaissance Park.
Primary Hazardous Materials Offerors' Responsibilities

Understanding the rules and regulations of the 49 CFR is essential to make sure that you are 100% compliant before shipping hazardous materials! The list below presents the primary responsibilities of hazardous materials offerors.

- Determine whether a material meets the definition of a "hazardous material" at 49 CFR part 173
- Compatibility
- Class/division
- Packaging/labeling
- Employee training
- Emergency response information
- Security plan
- Incident reporting

Example of properly labels shipping package

General offerors' responsibilities are contained in 49 CFR Part 173. Identification of a hazardous material is the first step, and frequently the most difficult. Of all the offerors' responsibilities, the requirement to properly classify a hazardous material is very important. It is from the proper identification of the hazardous materials that the other requirements are based on. A list of all material regulated by the DOT is located in section 172.101.

For more information, please visit https://www.northeastern.edu/ehs/ehs-programs/research-material-shipping/ or contact qi.wang@northeastern.edu (Hazardous Materials Program Manager) for any questions.

Laboratory Closeout Procedure.

All laboratory rooms, chemical storage areas, or areas where hazardous equipment or materials are used or stored must be cleared by EHS before being assigned to new occupants or scheduled for renovation activities. The Principal Investigator and Department are responsible for ensuring that the transfer and/or disposal of chemical, biological, radioactive materials are properly completed prior to vacating the space. In addition, the decontamination of equipment, hoods, storage cabinets, and counters must be done and arrangements made for the removal of unwanted lab equipment, supplies, electronics, and furniture.

EHS should be notified at least 30 days prior to the anticipated departure. Once notified, EHS can provide additional guidance or assist with a pre-close out inspection to outline the safety issues that need to be addressed. Details on our closeout procedure can be found on our website.