UCOP Funds Occupational Health Services

Effective immediately, funding from UCOP Risk Management now covers the cost of occupational health services received by paid employees or registered volunteers through the EH&S Occupational Health Nurse and UCSD Center for Occupational & Environmental Medicine (COEM).

Funding covers services such as pre-placement exams/screening, vaccinations, TB testing, animal research Occupational Health & Safety Program (OHSP) screening, respirator medical screening, BSL3/2+ medical screening, and medical consults.

Excluded from coverage are respirator fit tests and ergonomic assessments provided by the EH&S Occupational Health & Hygiene (OHHS) division.

Get Pre-Authorization for Services

COEM services must be pre-authorized by the EH&S Occupational Health Nurse to be covered under the new funding. Employees will receive a medical recommendation or authorization form for services.

Employees still must provide a department index number when receiving services, generally to be used only for tracking purposes. However, if services have not been authorized by the EH&S Occupational Health Nurse, or if the individual is found to not be a paid employee or registered volunteer, the department index number will be recharged.

For research staff who are not in a UCSD-paid assignment (such as visiting scientists, students, or affiliates) local EH&S funding will currently continue to cover vaccination costs. Other medical services or screening costs for non-paid staff will be recharged to the department index number.

Questions? Contact the EH&S Occupational Health Nurse: (858) 534-8225

Get Ready for August Inspection!

San Diego County Department of Environmental Health (DEH) annually inspects UCSD facilities that use, store, and handle hazardous materials. 2014 inspections begin in August. Inspections focus on compliance with requirements for:

- Hazardous waste containment, labeling, and storage
- Biohazardous waste packaging, and labeling
- Safety Training records
- Chemical storage and labeling

See Be Ready for the Inspector to learn what to expect from inspectors and how to make your lab inspection-ready: http://blink.ucsd.edu/safety/research-lab/inspection.html

New Online Research Safety Tools Coming Soon

New online tools are on the way to help UCSD researchers manage laboratory safety compliance. Coming soon:

- **Chemical Evaluator** – Use this eTool to determine your chemical Hazard Control Plan needs.
- **Electronic LHAT** – This web-based Laboratory Hazard Assessment Tool updates your lab’s PPE requirements, with modifications appropriate for work around open flame.

Keep up with Research Safety News on Blink at http://blink.ucsd.edu/safety/research-lab/news.html

Minimum lab attire for all lab workers in UC research facilities:

- clothing that covers the legs
- closed toe/heel shoes
Take the Hassle Out of Hazardous Waste with OTP

Let UCSD’s Online Waste Tag Program, OTP, do some waste management work for you.

By law, hazardous waste containers must be properly labeled with specific information for storage, transportation, and disposal.

OTP makes it happen: Enter information about a waste chemical in your OTP account and a completed waste tag is generated, ready for you to print and attach to your container.

What else can OTP do for you?

OTP provides automated waste tracking and tag generation for almost every hazardous waste produced at UCSD, including chemical, radioactive, mixed chem-rad, and universal wastes. OTP will:

- Save your frequently used waste profiles
- Self-populate the hazard class—just add a chemical and the program does the rest
- Track waste accumulation
- Notify EH&S when it’s time for pickup
- Display the waste collection schedule for your building
- Keep a list of your collected wastes

Ready to use OTP? Contact the EH&S Environmental Management Facility: hazwaste@ucsd.edu or (858) 534-2753.

Safety Training on UC Learning Center
http://uclearning.ucsd.edu/

Controlled Substances Training Reminder

ALL current controlled substances authorized personnel must complete online CS training by November 30, 2014.

UC system-wide policy requires CS authorized personnel to complete online CS training every 4 years.

At UC San Diego, all current CSUA authorized personnel who have not taken CS training within the past 4 years must complete the Controlled Substances eCourse on UC Learning Center (keyword: CSUA) by November 30th, 2014.

When you complete the eCourse, UC Learning Center will notify EH&S and your training status will be documented in the CSUA online application.

Contact the CS Team at ehscc@ucsd.edu to request a list of CS Authorized Personnel who need to meet this UC training requirement.

Need an Environmental Compliance Assurance Form?

When funding agencies ask for an Environmental Compliance Assurance form (formerly called Certificate of Environmental Compliance), contact the EH&S Environmental Affairs Manager: ehssea@ucsd.edu or (858) 534-1563

Biosafety Cabinets: Open Flames Policy

Open flames and flammable gas are prohibited in biosafety cabinets at UC San Diego.

See alternatives to continuous flame devices and for disinfecting instruments in a BSC on Blink at http://blink.ucsd.edu/safety/research-lab/biosafety/containment/bsc/open-flame.html

Shield Your Face and Neck

Facial injuries can be life changing. Face shields, easy to put on and comfortable to wear, protect your eyes, face, and neck from injury—critical if your work puts you at risk of hazardous material splashes or flying debris from possible explosions. For full protection, wear a pair of safety glasses or goggles (depending on the hazard) with your face shield.

Need a face shield? EH&S supplies safety glasses, goggles, and face shields at no cost to eligible UC San Diego labs. See “PPE Support for Researchers” on Blink at http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/researchPPE

Questions? Contact the EH&S PPE team: ehs-ppe@ucsd.edu, (858) 534-2698.