

LABORATORY CLOSE OUT CHECKLIST - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

GENERAL SAFETY		
YES N/A	Personnel assigned to laboratory close out activities are trained and proficient in the recognition of hazards and the utilization of the necessary controls to ensure their safety. Individuals assigned this task will have completed at a minimum OSHA Hazard Communications and OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens training.	
YES N/A	Appropriate PPE has been provided by the laboratory to the individuals assigned with laboratory close out activities. This includes at a minimum chemical resistant gloves, eye protection, lab coats and closed toe shoes.	
YES N/A	Purchase sharps containers and broken glass boxes prior to lab close out.	
YES N/A	Dispose of broken glass boxes, non-hazardous materials, and other trash according to the departmental procedures.	
CHEMICAL MATERIALS		
YES N/A	Chemical inventory is current.	
YES N/A	Segregate chemicals by hazard class and based upon whether they will be disposed of or transferred to another research group.	
YES N/A	Lab has current Safety Data Sheets for all chemicals.	
YES N/A	All chemicals targeted for disposal are <u>properly identified and labeled</u> (see <u>Advisory 7.3</u> – Management of Chemical Wastes).	
YES N/A	All lab benches and work surfaces are cleaned and decontaminated.	
YES N/A	All bench drawers and cabinets are emptied, and all contents are redistributed or disposed of prior to departing.	
YES N/A	Interior and exterior of equipment has been cleaned with soap and water.	
YES N/A	Gas Cylinders: ☐ All gas cylinders (including lecture bottles) are inventoried and labeled.	
	All gas cylinders are returned to the supplier/manufacturer or claimed by other staff at UC. Gas cylinders claimed by others must be properly labeled and transfer of possession must include a Material Safety Data Sheet.	
	☐ All empty cylinders are disposed of.	
YES N/A	Cryogens: ☐ All cryogens are labeled.	
	☐ Ensure that cryogen tanks are empty and safely depressurized prior to disposal.	
YES N/A	Controlled substances have been <u>disposed of or transferred</u> in accordance with current DEA or Ohio Board of Pharmacy requirements. If unexpected controlled substances are found or if you need any further assistance, contact <u>integrity@uc.edu</u> .	



BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS		
YES N/A	Assess your biohazardous or potentially biohazardous materials (recombinant nucleic acids, microorganisms, cell lines, tissues, organs, bodily fluids) and determine which materials will be moved to your new location, transferred to another investigator or disposed.	
YES N/A	If you have an Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) protocol, you must submit an amendment to: a) Update location. b) Transfer biohazardous materials to another PI. The new PI must have an IBC protocol for the same transferred agents or materials. If leaving UC, and not transferring protocol to another UC researcher, notify the Biosafety Office so your IBC protocol can be deactivated.	
YES N/A	If you are transferring biological materials off campus to another institution, it is imperative that proper Department of Transportation (DOT) / IATA shipping regulations are followed. You must have a current shipping training certification in order to package these items for shipment.	
YES N/A	If you have a large amount of biological material to dispose of, contact the Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Office at 513-556-4968 and ask them to deliver biohazard waste bins to your lab for a clean out. When biohazard bins are full complete online disposal request forms to request a pickup.	
YES N/A	Check in cold rooms, freezers, and refrigerators for biohazardous materials that could easily be forgotten. Old samples from former staff or inherited samples must be either discarded or marked for moving to the new location.	
YES N/A	Disposal of preserved specimens may require special handling since the preservative is usually a hazardous chemical. If the tissues/organs are small (mouse size organs) and not easily recognizable, the entire vial may be treated as chemical waste. However, larger organs must be separated from the liquid preservative and disposed into red bag waste and the liquid collected as chemical waste (see EH&S Advisory 7.1.1).	
☐ YES ☐ N/A	Sharps: □ Place all metal sharps (e.g. needles, razor blades, scalpels) into approved sharps containers. Be careful when cleaning out drawers where loose razor or scalpel blades might be located.	
	☐ Place all non-metal sharps (e.g. serological pipets, pipet tips, transfer pipets) into the appropriate leak and puncture proof containers (biohazard or non-biohazard). Ensure that there are no sharp materials (pipet tips) lying on the floor or in areas where equipment was located.	
YES N/A	Dispose of all solid media and supplies as "red bag" waste, if not transferred to the new laboratory.	
YES N/A	All work surfaces, door, drawers and cabinet handles in a BSL1 & BSL2 laboratory must be wiped down with 1-10% freshly prepared household bleach solution or another <u>EPA listed tuberculocidal disinfectant</u> (e.g. Sani-Cloths®) before vacating the lab.	



	Equipment for use with biological materials
YES N/A	Refrigerators: Refrigerators must be emptied of all contents and exterior surfaces (doors and handles) must be wiped down with 1-10% freshly prepared household bleach solution or another EPA listed tuberculocidal disinfectant (e.g. Sani-Cloths) that is effective for the agents used in your research. Attach the completed Equipment Disinfection Notice Form (Appendix A of EH&S Advisory 7.1.1) to the equipment. Freezer sections of refrigerator/freezers may be moved without removing contents of freezer as long as the contents will not shift or break during movement.
YES N/A	<u>Freezers</u> : If you are moving within the institution, -80 freezers do not have to be emptied as long as contents will not shift during the move. Freezers must be locked and / or taped shut. Exterior surfaces of freezers (doors and handles) must be wiped down with 1-10% freshly prepared household bleach solution or another <u>EPA listed tuberculocidal disinfectant</u> (e.g. Sani-Cloths). Attach the completed Equipment Disinfection Notice Form (Appendix A of <u>EH&S Advisory 7.1.1</u>) to the freezer. Freezers are only to be moved in the morning so that temperatures can be monitored during the day in case of freezer failure.
YES N/A	Incubators and water baths: must be drained of all standing water including water in water-jacketed incubators. Surfaces must be wiped with 1-10% freshly prepared household bleach solution or another EPA listed tuberculocidal disinfectant (e.g. Sani-Cloths) and attach the completed Equipment Disinfection Notice Form (Appendix A of EH&S Advisory 7.1.1) to the equipment.
YES N/A	Equipment to be discarded must have <u>all</u> surfaces wiped down, inside and out with freshly prepared household bleach solution or another <u>EPA listed tuberculocidal disinfectant</u> (e.g. Sani-Cloths) and the completed Equipment Disinfection Notice Form (Appendix A of <u>EH&S Advisory 7.1.1</u>) attached to the equipment. It is not acceptable to leave any surface contaminated for equipment to be discarded. It is unacceptable to dispose of equipment in the trash. Arrangements must be made with <u>UC Surplus Management</u> to remove unwanted equipment.
YES N/A	Biological Safety Cabinets (BSCs) Wipe down and remove all contents from the biological safety cabinet.
	☐ Disinfect all accessible surfaces of the biological safety cabinet with 1-10% freshly prepared household bleach solution or another EPA listed tuberculocidal disinfectant (e.g. Sani-Cloths®). Based on the risk assessment made by the Biosafety Office, BSCs may need to be decontaminated by a certified contractor prior to relocation.
	☐ YES ☐ N/A Re-certify any relocated biological safety cabinets before using it in a new location.
☐ YES ☐ N/A	All biohazardous materials must be double packaged before transport within UC. The primary and secondary containers must be leak proof. The secondary container must contain enough absorbent to absorb the entire contents of all the primary containers within. The outside of the secondary container must have the biohazard symbol and the name of the PI and the new laboratory room number. These packages cannot be moved by the movers.



RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS		
YES N/A	Laboratories that are radiation use labs must be decommissioned prior to the departure of the authorized users (AUs). Contact the Radiation Safety Office at 513-558-4110 for information concerning decommissioning procedures.	
YES N/A	Consider transferring ownership of any survey meters. They can be transferred to another Authorized User or donated to the Radiation Safety Office.	
YES N/A	Terminate any active RAM workers in <u>Gamma 2</u> application.	
YES N/A	Confirm there are no outstanding RAM orders and close out all associated POs in the Gamma 2 application.	
YES N/A	Submit RAM transfer or RAM Waste Pickup requests for any RAM remaining in your possession.	
YES N/A	Sealed and unsealed source inventories are free from RAM.	
YES N/A	Ensure that the lab is in good order including: cleared drawers, cleared lab use benchtops, RAM use or storage areas should have complete routine wipes and surveys of all RAM use areas performed by the AU or RW staff prior to contacting the Radiation Safety Office (513-558-4110) for decommissioning.	
☐ YES ☐ N/A	Print, complete, sign and submit a completed RS Form 24 to the Radiation Safety Office (contact the Radiation Safety Office).	