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Dear Researcher or Biosafety Cabinet/Laminar Flow Hood owner,

Re: Biosafety Cabinet and Laminar Flow Hood Certification costs

The State budget cuts for fiscal 2011-12 to present, added to the prior cuts in recent years have significantly reduced the operating funds of our office. As a result, Biological Safety will **no longer perform or fund the annual certification** of Biological Safety Cabinets and Laminar flow hoods used in research and teaching per the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) 49 standard. This presents a significant cost savings to our office, but does result in cost-shifting to the researchers and other cabinet/hood owners. Biosafety will continue to trouble shoot and correct and repair units when possible to avoid cost to the laboratories.

Effective September 1, 2011 the researcher or department which owns the cabinet/hoods will be responsible for the cost of the annual certification, or any re-certification after moving or filter change. (Any additional repairs necessary for the cabinet and flow hood to operate by the manufactures specifications will continue to be the department's responsibility, which has been the procedure since the 2009 budget cuts.)

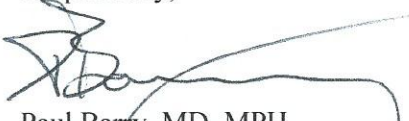
At present, all certification work is being performed by Triangle Certification at a cost of \$150 per cabinet and \$75 per laminar flow hood. The annual certification ensures that the cabinet protects you and/or your work and is required by various oversight agencies. Our office will contact Triangle Certification monthly about the units due for certification in our database; this allows Triangle Certification to certify several units on each trip which minimizes travel and keeps costs low. The cabinet owner will be billed for the service after completion from Biosafety in the Office of Prospective Health.

Should your Biological Safety Cabinet/Laminar Flow Hood be overlooked/overdue for certification, please contact the Biological Safety Officer for follow up at 744-2070. If hoods or cabinets are transferred to a new owner or location, please notify Biosafety so we can make the changes in our master database.

Biosafety will continue to provide support in your use of Biological Safety Cabinet and Laminar flow hoods such as troubleshooting and consultation services, interface with Facilities Services to investigate problems and assisting with the decisions about when external repair services are needed.

This change has been discussed and accepted by the Institutional Biological Safety Committee as Biological Safety Cabinets and Laminar flow hoods are considered research equipment and not facility infrastructure. We regret that this change is necessary and will continue to support your work in other ways, but must focus our limited resources where they will be most efficient.

Respectfully,



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