# **Lab Safety Contacts**

*December 5, 2023* 



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#### Welcome!

#### Agenda:

- Hazardous Waste updates
- Lab Coat Laundering program updates
- RSS Tips: new door placard system
- RSS Tips: How to check training
- Winter Closure Reminder



# Hazardous Waste



### **Hazardous Waste**

Information on new bio waste bins included in attachments



# Lab Coat Laundering





### What is it?

- The program provides laundering services specifically for lab coats contaminated after being used in labs.
- The service is being provided by EH&S, free of charge to the campus.
- The vendor used is Mission Linen.

# Why?

- Sustainability:
  - with the ability to launder, the lab coats do not need to be disposed of as hazardous waste as frequently and replacement would not need to be purchased as frequently.
- Environmentally Friendly:
  - the Mission Linen laundering service would prevent contaminated materials removed from laundered lab coats from entering sewer drains, which would otherwise harm the environment.
- Less Costly:
  - properly laundering a lab coat costs the institution much less than purchasing a new lab coat every time.

# Who can participate?

- The laundering program is available to the campus to launder lab coats provided by UCOP or EH&S.
  - UCOP/EH&S provided coats can be identified by the 'University of California Be Smart About Safety' embroidery on either the sleeve or chest.
- Lab coats need to have the barcode specific to their laundering location affixed prior to depositing in the soiled locker.

# How does it work? : Pick-Up/Drop-Off

- Lab coats barcoded (specific to location) with Mission Linen barcodes can be deposited in Mission Linen lockers "Soiled" lockers.
- Mission Linen picks up the soiled lab coats on Monday morning.
- Laundering takes about 2-3 weeks.
- Mission Linen returns cleaned lab coats to Mission Linen "Clean" lockers on Monday morning.

# How does it work? : Barcoding

- Newly fit PPE will be automatically barcoded specific to the lab location.
- PPE already provided can be brought to EH&S for barcoding.
  - Appointments will be available specifically for barcoding (one person can bring all of the lab's coats in one appointment.
  - Each barcode can be fixed on a coat in about 10 seconds.
- PPE dropped off without barcodes will be barcoded to the location it was dropped off.
  - This is not encouraged as it will cause delays in the process and risks the coats being lost.

# How does it work? : Barcoding (cont...)

| Location   | Barcode |  |
|--|---------|--|
| Bourns B116 Corridor                               | 315932  |  |
| CE-CERT  | 238442  |  |
| Entomology Loading<br>Dock (External)              | 315936  |  |
| Geology Loading<br>Dock (Internal)                 | 315930  |  |
| Keen Hall Loading<br>Dock Internal                 | 315934  |  |
| Life Sciences/Spieth<br>Loading Dock<br>(Internal) | 315935  |  |
| MSE Outside 255                                    | 315933  |  |

- If a lab coat is barcoded for one location, but then deposited in another location, the cleaned lab coat will be returned to the location for which it is barcoded.
- If a person moves to another lab with a different assigned location, the lab coats will need to be rebarcoded for the new location.

# How long does it take?

- Coats sometimes come back within 1 week, but has typically been taking 2-3 weeks.
- Holidays, especially ones that take fall on Mondays, will impact drop-off, delaying it for 1 more week.
- Campus closures, such as the winter break, will result in no pick-ups/drop-offs until campus re-opens.

# Important things to remember

- Personnel should have another appropriate lab coat to use during the time their coat is being cleaned.
- All items need to be removed from pockets before drop-off.
   Pens and items left in pockets get laundered at a very high temperature, leaving all coats stained with ink and coated with plastic residue.

## What if...?

- Lab coat is returned damaged:
  - Contact EH&S at <a href="mailto:ehslaboratory@ucr.edu">ehslaboratory@ucr.edu</a>
  - EH&S will provide a replacement coat (damaged coat must be returned to EH&S for the exchange).

## What if...?

- Lab coat does not get returned after 3 weeks:
  - Contact EH&S at <a href="mailto:ehslaboratory@ucr.edu">ehslaboratory@ucr.edu</a>
  - EH&S will provide a replacement loan coat (with an EH&S location Mission Linen barcode) until the original coat is returned.
  - When the original coat is returned, the loaner coat can be deposited at any locker location to return to EH&S.
  - If, after 8 weeks, the original coat is still not returned, please contact EH&S at <a href="mailto:ehslaboratory@ucr.edu">ehslaboratory@ucr.edu</a> to have a full replacement coat provided.

### When will this launch?

• Week of January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024. First pickup January

Locker combination info will be sent to Lab Safety Contacts and Pls

• Appointments for barcoding lab coats will be available for the entire Winter quarter of 2024, after which appointments can be made by contacting <a href="mailto:ehslaboratory@ucr.edu">ehslaboratory@ucr.edu</a>.

# What we need from you

#### • Patience:

- Mission Linen will go from servicing only the EH&S location to servicing 8 locations around campus. This may result in some acclimatization for a few weeks.
- Glitches and bugs in the program for which we may not have foreseen may arise and may take time for us to figure out and resolve.

# What we need from you

- Be Ready:
  - Make sure all LHAT location information and Lab Safety Contact information on Risk & Safety Solutions is up-to-date and accurate.
  - Book an appointment to have all lab coats barcoded with Mission Linen barcodes specific to laundry locations.
  - One appointment can barcode all the coats from one lab so bring them all for efficiency.

# Questions?

- Pamela A. See
  - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Coordinator/Research Safety Specialist (pamela.see@ucr.edu)

- Research Safety Team (best contact in case Pam is unavailable)
  - ehslaboratory@ucr.edu

# RSS Tips: New Placards



#### **New Placards**

#### Replacing old eContact system

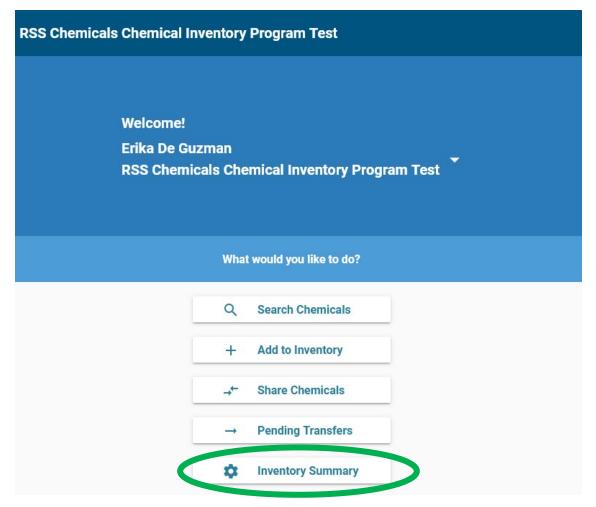
- Clunky
- Hard to complete for labs
- Had to wait for EH&S approval

# Door placarding built into your RSS Chemicals Inventory

- Automatically pulls in chemical information from inventory
- Handles shared lab spaces better
- Does not require EH&S approval step
  - Can print placards as soon as you enter contact information

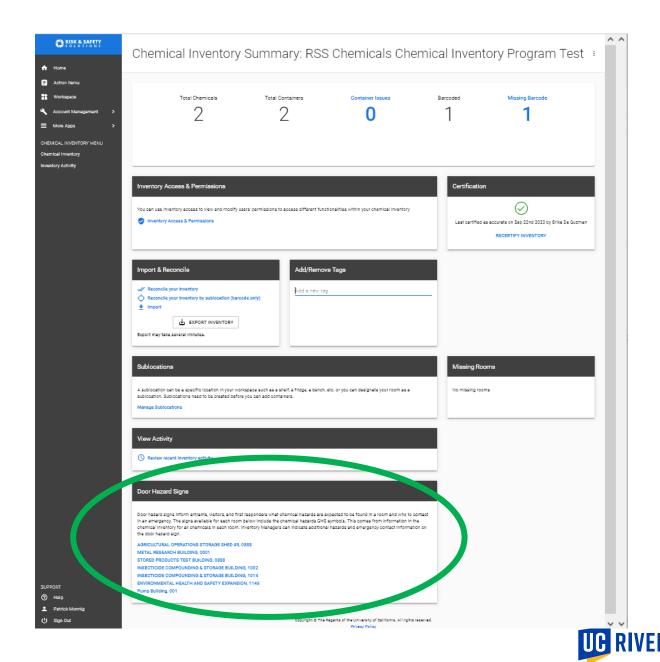


 From your chemical inventory homepage, select "Inventory Summary"

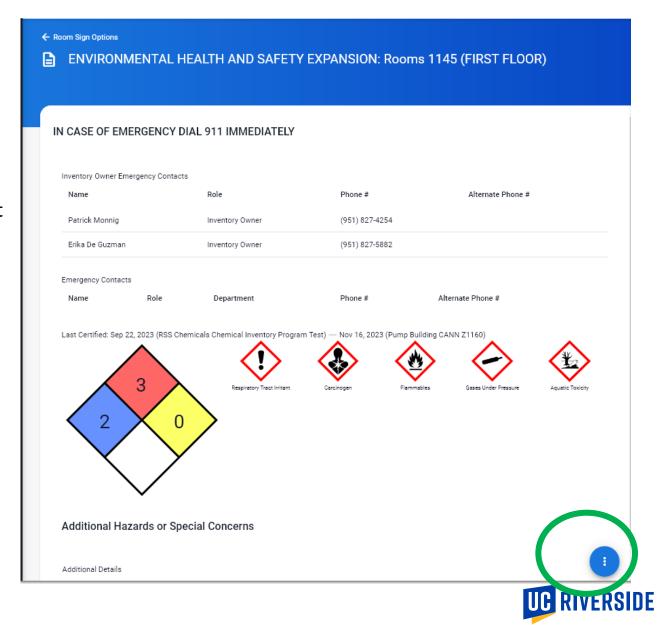




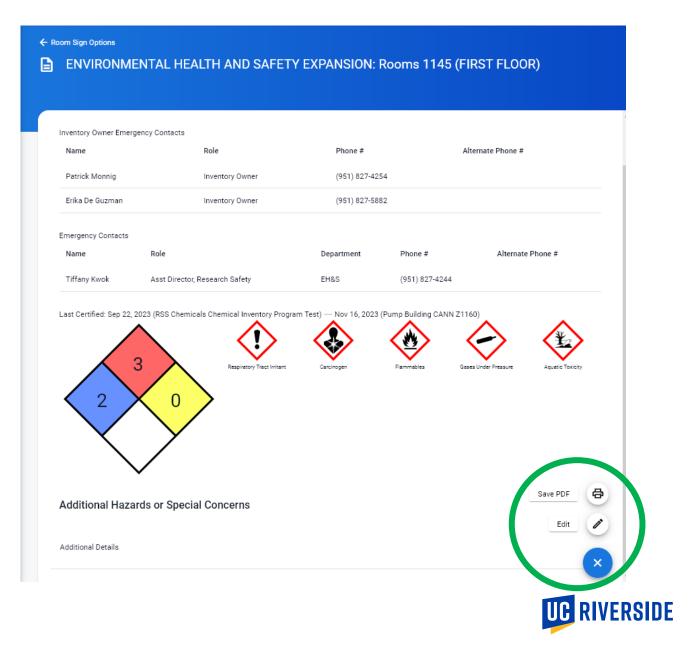
- Scroll to the bottom to the "Door Hazard Signs" section
- Select the room you would like to review and print
- Don't see your room? It may not be associated in the software with your group.
  - Add room to your LHAT and it should show up.



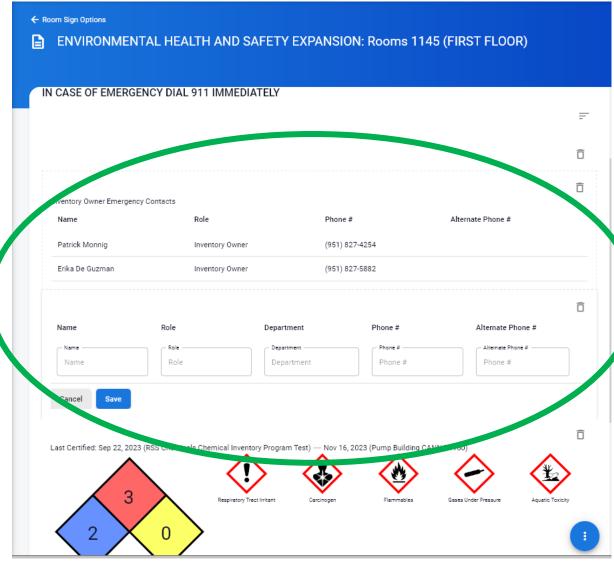
- "Inventory Owner Emergency Contacts"
  - Information based on all inventories that have chemicals associated with that room
  - Is there a lab on the list that shouldn't be there?
     Email <u>ehslaboratory@ucr.edu</u> for us to help sort it out
- "Emergency Contacts"
  - Should be anyone who is responsible or can answer questions about inventory
  - Possibly you?
- "Last Certified"
  - Based on the certification date of inventories
  - Old date? Certify your inventory!
- Diamond and hazard information
  - Based on inventory information, not editable
- "Additional Hazards or Special Concerns"
  - Not required, information covered on other signs (bio, lasers)



- Select the three dots in the bottom right corner
- Ready to print?
  - "Save PDF"
  - Needs to be in color
  - If you don't have access to a color printer, email <a href="mailto:ehslaboratory@ucr.edu">ehslaboratory@ucr.edu</a>
- Need to edit contacts?
  - "Edit"



- Can add:
  - Alternate contact info for inventory owners
  - Additional Emergency contacts
- In a shared lab, the door placard should have contact info from each lab





- Post PDF outside your lab door
- During Lab Safety Evaluations, EH&S evaluator will be looking for certification date in last 12 months to confirm that placard is up to date

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY EXPANSION: Rooms 1145 (FIRST FLOOR)

#### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911 IMMEDIATELY

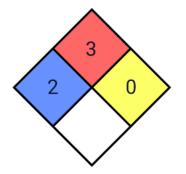
Inventory Owner Emergency Contacts

| Name            | Role            | Phone #        | Alternate Phone # |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Patrick Monnig  | Inventory Owner | (951) 827-4254 |                   |
| Erika De Guzman | Inventory Owner | (951) 827-5882 |                   |

#### **Emergency Contacts**

| Name         | Role                           | Department | Phone #        | Alternate Phone # |
|--------------|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Tiffany Kwok | Asst Director, Research Safety | EH&S       | (951) 827-4244 |                   |

Last Certified: Sep 22, 2023 (RSS Chemicals Chemical Inventory Program Test) — Nov 16, 2023 (Pump Building CANN Z1160)

















# RSS Tips: How to Check Training

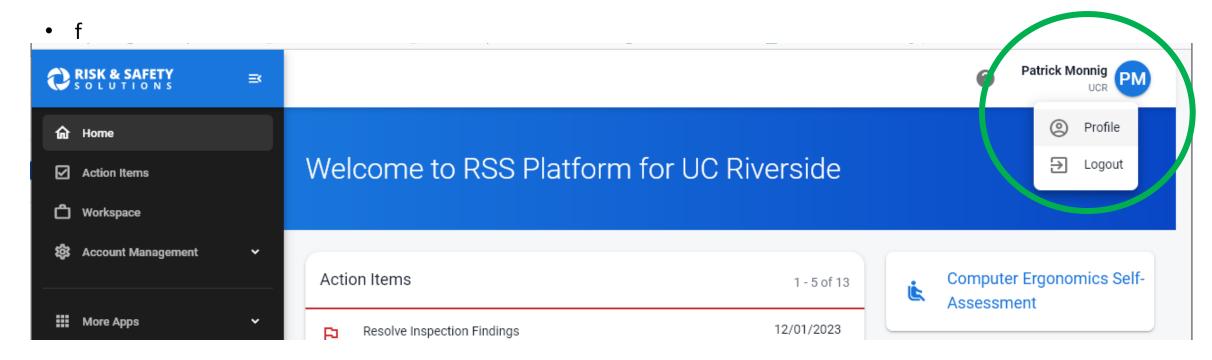


Easy for PIs and Lab Safety Contacts to review safety training status for the group in RSS software

#### Regular required trainings in labs with hazards:

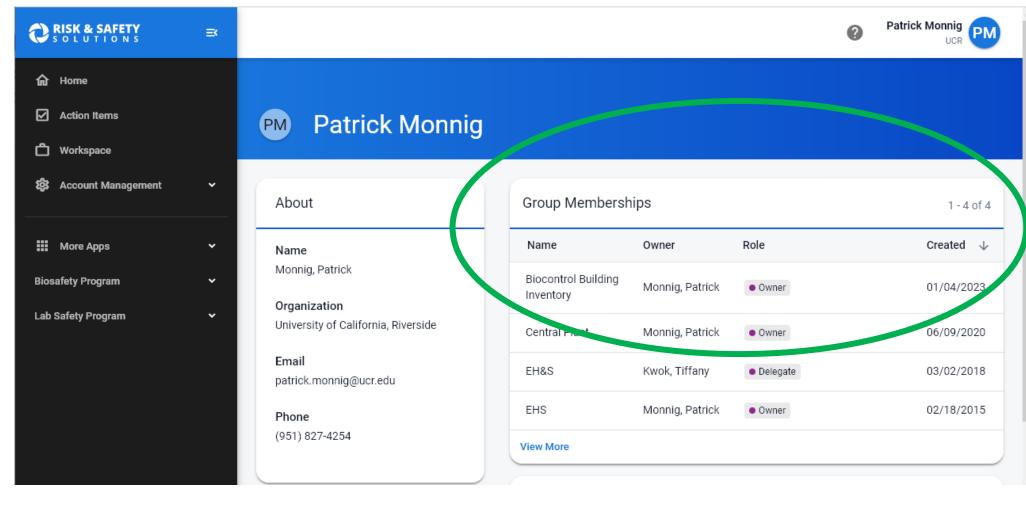
- Lab Safety Fundamentals refresher every 3 years
- Fire Extinguishers annual
- Hazardous Waste and Materials Management annual

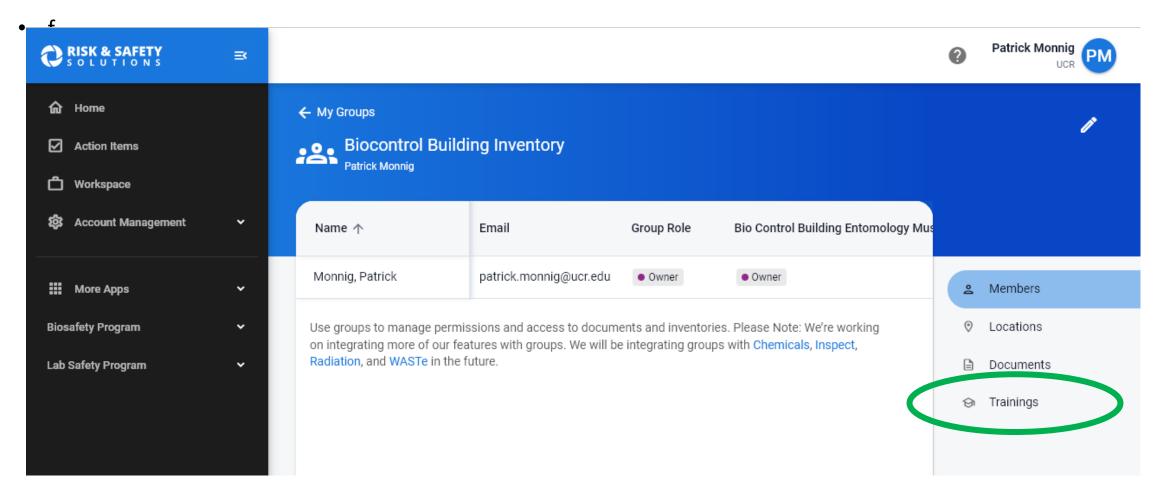




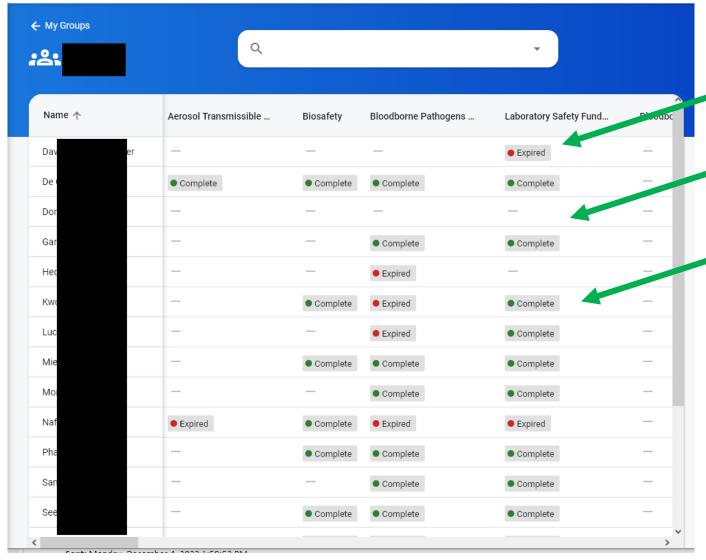


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Training is expired

No record of training

Completed training

Can hover over a cell to get training and expiration date
Other option:

"Expiring soon" – expiration in next 30 days



# Winter Closure



### **Winter Closure**

#### EH&S will be closed for winter break

Not available between December 22<sup>nd</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **During times of reduced staffing**

- Don't work alone
- Use buddy system
- Review 12 Months of Research Safety flier sent out last week

#### If you have an emergency:

- Contact UCPD 951-827-5222
  - Will contact EH&S emergency contact if needed



# **Any Questions?**

Information from this session will be sent out to the listserv tomorrow

If you have any questions or concerns, please email ehslaboratory@ucr.edu

Thank you!

Be Safe!

