

# EHS Laboratory Safety Unit Newsletter

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The latest University updates  
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**(Back Row)** Sonia Rosenberger – Biological Safety Officer, Carolyn Place – Laboratory Safety Manager, Gidion Beyene – Technical Associate,  
**(Front Row)** Donna Douglass – Admin. Assistant, IBC Coordinator, Julie Conyer – Technical Associate, Abby Davis – Technical Associate

Our team is excited to welcome Julie Conyer! Julie will be taking over for Mary Jo Valenti, who recently took a position with our Occupational Safety Unit here at EH&S. Julie has previously worked for Bausch & Lomb, North American Breweries, and DuPont. Please help us welcome Julie to the University, we are very pleased to have her! You can view each inspector's Departmental List on Page 2.

## Policy Updates:

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety has two new Policies.

1. **Policy on Visitors to Laboratories and Shops:** Unsupervised volunteers and visitors can create a risk for injury and additional liability on the University. EH&S recommends that a responsible person be appointed by the Laboratory Director or shop supervisor to supervise all visitors or volunteers when they enter a laboratory/shop for a visit. This document was previously a guideline, but has now been made a policy. To view the full policy, click [here](#).
2. **Compressed Gas Safety Policy:** This policy covers the proper use, handling and storage of compressed gas cylinders. Compressed gas cylinders are only to be handled by trained, competent personnel. This Policy also outlines special guidelines for toxic and flammable gases. You can view the full policy [here](#).

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## Chemical Inventory Reconciliation:

Labs, which have their chemical inventories in Chematix **MUST** reconcile their inventory annually using the Chematix application. Reconciliation is the comparison of the Chematix inventory with the containers in the lab. You will need a barcode scanner and a procedure. EH&S has a few scanners that can be loaned for a week at a time. Request a scanner through [Questions@safety.rochester.edu](mailto:Questions@safety.rochester.edu). Detailed procedures for reconciliation are found at [http://www.safety.rochester.edu/labsafety/chematix/reconcile\\_inventory.html](http://www.safety.rochester.edu/labsafety/chematix/reconcile_inventory.html)

Tips for Reconciliation:

- Scan the barcodes into a text-only file like Notepad and save on your computer. Then cut and paste into Chematix. This tip prevents loss of effort due to the browser or application timing out.
- Anyone who has access to the inventory can scan or (cut and paste) the barcodes into Chematix. However, only the Chematix Supervisor or Principal Investigator can resolve the inevitable discrepancies.
- EH&S Lab Safety staff can provide advice and personalized help, if needed.

## Departmental List by Inspector:

### Julie Conyer

- Allergy, Immunology, Rheumatology (AIR)
- Biomedical Genetics
- Center for Neural Development & Disease (CNDD)
- Center for Oral Biology (COB)
- Center for Translational Neuromedicine (CTN)
- Center for Vaccine Biology and Immunology (CVBI)
- Clinical Microbiology
- Hematology/Oncology
- Infectious Diseases Unit including Clinical Trial Groups
- Microbiology & Immunology
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Pediatric Hem/Oncology
- Pediatric Nephrology
- Pulmonary
- Radiation Oncology
- Urology

### Gidion Beyene

- Biochemistry and Biophysics
- Biological Stain Commission
- Biology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Core Labs
- Dermatology
- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Electrical and Computer
- Endocrine Metabolism
- Environmental Medicine
- Institute of Optics
- LLE
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nephrology
- Neuroscience
- Ophthalmology
- Otolaryngology
- Physics and Astronomy
- Psychiatry

### Abby Davis

- Anesthesiology
- Brain and Cognitive Sciences
- Surgery/Surgery PEAK
- Center for Visual Science
- Cardiovascular Research Institute (CVRI)
- Eastman Dental Center/Dentistry
- Emergency Medicine
- Imaging Sciences
- Neurology
- OBGYN
- Orthopedics
- Pharmacology/Physiology
- Research Pharmacy

Clinical Labs will be inspected by Carolyn Place.

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## Chematix Chemical Inventory Update:

The LSU Inventory team completed the Chemical Inventory for the MRBX in early September and has since moved to the ground floor of the KMRB. We expect to be in the KMRB for several months before moving on to the rest of the Medical Center. As a reminder, all of River Campus should have completed reconciliation for all laboratories at least once; if not twice, depending on when the initial inventory was completed. All laboratories in the Wilmott Cancer Center should have their reconciliation completed within the upcoming months. Upcoming training sessions will be held to ensure that all staff is prepared to begin this process. If you have any questions regarding inventory or reconciliation, please contact Abby Davis by phone at (585) 448-9586 or by emailing [abby.davis@rochester.edu](mailto:abby.davis@rochester.edu).

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