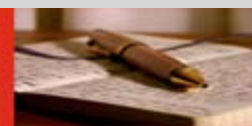




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Flammable Chemical Storage in Laboratory Refrigerators

We recently had a flammable chemical spill inside of a household refrigerator. This was a near miss that had the potential for a fire, explosion and serious injury. Flammable chemicals that require refrigeration must only be stored in a refrigerator that is designed for the safe storage of flammables. Please click [here](#) to read more about identification of flammable chemicals as well as guidance on what type of refrigerator you need in your laboratory to store flammable chemicals.



Qualified Energy Savings Project Update



What is a qualified energy savings project (QESP)? A QESP is a means by which the university can implement projects that are designed to save energy. The state legislature has

enacted a bill that allows each state university to

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raise \$15 million per campus through the sale of bonds that will be paid back from the savings achieved from the energy projects. The energy projects must pay back in ten years or less. The projects can be done in phases over time until the total of \$15 million is reached. Please click [here](#) to find out more about our current energy projects.

A Reminder to Shut the Sash



Several years ago we began a Shut the Sash program due to the fact that we were finding fume hood sashes being routinely left open when not in use. We still find fume hoods with open sashes when not in use.

Please click [here](#) to find out several important reasons to shut the sash beyond saving energy and money.

Who is Responsible When a Laboratory Accident Occurs?

We have discussed the Shari Sanji death in several previous editions of Lab Notes. Shari died from burns suffered when her clothing was ignited when working alone with the pyrophoric compound tert-Butyllithium. Dr. Patrick Harran was the Principal Investigator of the laboratory where Shari worked and is facing multiple felony charges because of her death. The question asked in the title of this article was answered by the State of California. Who is responsible when a laboratory accident occurs? The Principal Investigator (PI). Please click [here](#) to read about the State of California's view on who is responsible when a laboratory accident occurs.

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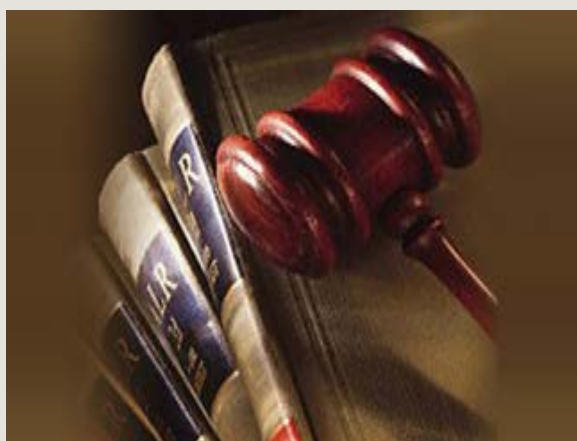
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**Tornado Preparedness for
Laboratories**

As with any emergency, preparedness is your best defense. Please visit the following [link](#) to view our new and informative document on what to do if violent weather is near IUPUI. If you work in a lab please take note.



E Training is now Available for Students

E Training offers a centralized repository of online training, tutorials, and compliance-driven education and awareness. The goal for E Training is to keep comprehensive records regarding what training the employees have taken and when, enabling them to certify their training and empowering the university to maintain robust compliance records. E Training is now available for students working within a laboratory or clinical setting who have specific requirements for compliance training. Please click [here](#) to view instructions on how students can gain access to E Training classes.



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