

# Environmental Health & Safety Policy & Procedure # 09

#### **POLICY TITLE:**

Environmental Health and Safety Inspection Policy

### **OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE:**

In order to protect the health and safety of University Community members and the environment, Environmental Health & Safety inspections are conducted to foster learning, correct unsafe conditions, and improve future performance around environmental health and safety. This policy will establish a framework for conducting inspections and will assign responsibility for each step in the inspection process.

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## **ACTION:**

#### **Environmental Health and Safety**

- Conduct a wide variety of Environmental Health and Safety inspections of University facilities, and accompany inspectors from external regulatory agencies during inspections of University facilities.
- Document results on an inspection report and provide to the to the responsible department or individual.
- Monitor status of corrections. If the responsible department or individual has not corrected discrepancies, submitted a plan of corrective action, or requested an extension by the original deadline, escalate the notification to the head of the college, division, etc.
- If the deficiency constitutes an imminent danger, EHS will work with the department to institute an interim measure that removes the immediate hazard until a permanent solution can be implemented.
- Perform spot checks to evaluate completion of corrective actions.
- Maintain department files of all inspection documents.

#### **Responsible Department or Individual**

- Cooperate with EH&S and external regulatory agency inspectors. Have a representative participate in the inspection.
- Notify EH&S of all environmental, health, and safety inspections conducted by external regulatory agencies without EH&S participation, and forward a copy of any inspection reports received to EH&S.

- Correct deficiencies as soon as possible and collaborate with EHS to identify interim measure for any imminently dangerous conditions.
- Contact Physical Plant to have work orders issued to correct deficiencies which require building repair or maintenance. Indicate that the repair or maintenance needed is a safety discrepancy. Send copy of work order confirmation to EH&S.

# **Facilities Maintenance Departments**

- Place a high priority on correcting safety discrepancies within the established deadline.
- If repairs or maintenance cannot be completed on time, contact the initiator of the request and EH&S to let them know when the repairs or maintenance will be completed.
- If the repair or maintenance is beyond the capability of Physical Plant due to complexity or cost, submit a request for correction to Facilities Planning with copy to EH&S.
- Develop plans, find appropriate funding, and initiate a project to correct safety discrepancies.
- Notify EHS and affected department of plan of action and the time line for completion.