

RADIATION SAFETY NEWS NOTES

Radiation Safety Refresher Training

If you haven't already taken the online radiation safety refresher training for 2003, your time is running out. This training is only available until mid-August and e-mail reminders are sent to persons who have not completed this requirement.

After mid-August, any worker, supervisor or PI requiring radiation safety refresher training will have to enroll in and complete initial radiation safety training at the ORCBS Training Center.

Dosimeter Request Page Online

The ORCBS web site now has a page to request a dosimeter or to make changes to your information. You may request a new dosimeter, report a lost dosimeter and request a replacement, change personal information such as a name change, or terminate dosimeter usage if no longer needed.

You must complete radiation safety training and work with isotopes or machines that require dosimetry before one will be issued. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the radiation safety staff.

Survey Problems Found by the ORCBS

Missing and incomplete surveys have been a frequent problem found during ORCBS quarterly inspections. Surveys must be completed each month that radioisotopes are used, and each week when 200 μCi or more of radioisotope is handled. A survey must be done for each isotope used during the survey period.

If contamination is found, remember to complete the table with the activity in DPM and μCi . If you don't remember the formulas, the radiation safety staff can assist you. Contamination is radioactive material where it should not be, and is more than two times the background. Also, record your corrective action for any contamination detected.