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TO: Faculty, Staff, and Students in Arts & Sciences

FROM: Carl Strikwerda, Dean of Arts & Sciences

RE: Laboratory and Research Safety

Date: June 24, 2010

The College of William and Mary is committed to protecting the health, safety, and environmental surroundings of everyone on campus. Towards this end, the College has established specific guidelines, rules, and regulations, many of which are mandated by state and federal agencies. These have been compiled for ready access on the Environmental Health & Safety Office (EH&S) and the Grants Office web sites as follows:

<http://www.wm.edu/offices/facilities/services/safety/?svr=web>

<http://www.wm.edu/offices/grants/preaward/policies/compliancereqs/index.php>

As we conduct our teaching and research, it is imperative that faculty, staff, and students review and comply with these procedures. It is essential that all directives from the EH&S Office be followed, regardless of whether they arise from fire/safety drills, safety inspections, or routine "walk-throughs." As a matter of College Policy, the EH&S Office has "stop-work" authority if a dangerous situation is deemed to exist.

In the event that there is disagreement regarding a directive that is issued by the EH&S Office, one should first implement the directive to eliminate the hazard. The faculty member should then contact the EH&S Office in writing or via email and provide a detailed explanation of the concern and suggestions for a safe alternative to the directive that is consistent with W&M policy as well as state and federal law. If there is still disagreement, the faculty member should contact my office or the Office of the Vice Provost for Research with a written request to review the matter. This request should include a description of the point of contention and all previous correspondence with the EH&S Office. Requests directed to my office will be investigated by Eric Bradley, Emergency and Facilities Coordinator for Arts & Sciences. Please note that any issues regarding compliance committees should be directed to the Chair of the relevant compliance committee.

Your cooperation with this critical aspect of our research and teaching activities will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

cc: Eric Bradley, Emergency and Facilities Coordinator, Arts & Sciences
Dennis Manos, Vice Provost for Research