

# **LABORATORY & RADIATION SAFETY**

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# **NEWS**

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## **SAFETYBASE TRAINING DATABASE**

SafetyBase is a database created to help employees, students, trainers, supervisors, and safety managers track safety training and keep required certifications current via the Internet. Using your Cornell University Net ID as a unique identifier, you can access different types of training information.

- As a user, you can view current classes being offered, register for classes, and keep a record of the training classes you have taken.
- With supervisor or safety manager access, you can assign specific training courses to your employees, and verify their training history, in addition to other features.
- For a more detailed description of SafetyBase functionality and access rights, please check out the SafetyBase Users Guides on the EHS website: <http://www.ehs.cornell.edu/Computing/safetybase/index.htm>.

As a user, the two types of information that may be most useful to you are the following:

### **Sign Yourself Up for a Class**

This option displays an alphabetical list of current EH&S Training sessions open for enrollment. Click on a class listed under Training Type to view Details of the Training Session and to sign up for the session. To enroll, click on the "Enroll" button. The Training Session details will be re-displayed and state: "(Your name) is enrolled in this class." An email reminder will be sent 4 days before the Training Session to your designated Supervisor and to you (if applicable).

### **View Your Own Training History**

This option allows you to view two types of Training History and to see any classes you are currently enrolled in. If the Expiration date appears in red, re-training or certification is needed. If the date is orange, the training or certification expires within the next month. Your designated Supervisor and you will receive an email reminder 60 days and 30 days before your training or certification expires and 30 days after it expires. Your Training History is updated regularly; after a Training Session is held, the NetIDs of the attendees are entered. You can print out the record of your training history, if you require written documentation of your attendance.

If you have any questions or discrepancies about training history, send an email to: [safetybase@cornell.edu](mailto:safetybase@cornell.edu) and include your Name, NetID, Telephone Number, and training session question or discrepancy.



## **DOMINIC VERSAGE IS RETIRING**

After over 40 years of service to the Cornell community, Dominic Versage has decided to begin his retirement on June 30, 2006. His long career included a variety of roles that contributed to the success of the university, the educational and cultural experience of students and the personal lives of co-workers and friends. Dom began his employment in 1962 as an electronics specialist at Ward Laboratory for Nuclear Studies.

Dom began his current role as a radiation safety professional supporting the diverse uses of radioactive materials and X-ray producing equipment in 1966. His duties first with the Radiation Safety Office and currently with the Department of Environmental Health and Safety evolved from electronics technician to radiation safety technician, to radiation safety officer and senior radiation safety specialist. In these roles Dom educated and assisted countless numbers of faculty members, research specialists, graduate students and technicians in the safe and effective use of ionizing radiation. While always rigorous in his approach to insuring safety and protecting Cornell's reputation, Dom was consistently friendly, open and dedicated to meeting the needs of those he worked with.

Dom's commitment and involvement with Cornell took other forms as well. Dom served a 2-year term as the employee-elected member of the Board of Trustees. He was a founding member and officer of the Cornell Recreation Club, provided 20 years of participation as an employee representative on several campus governance organizations including the University/Employee Assembly, and served as an advisor to the Colombian Student Association. Along with George Peter, Dom helped to found *Networking*, currently *Paw Print*.

You are welcome to attend an open house reception for Dom on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 4 pm at the Maplewood Community Center. Parking will be available behind the Center. Refreshments will be served along with a load of stories associated with Dom's career. Presentations will take place between 2:30 and 3:00 pm.

**\*\*\*Please share with your graduate students\*\*\***

## TRAINING FOR LABORATORY WORKERS

**“Laboratory Safety”– Friday, May 19, 1:30–3:30 pm,  
118 Humphreys Service Building**

**“Laboratory Safety”– Tuesday, May 23, 9:30–11:30  
am, Veterinary Lecture Hall 2**

**“Laboratory Safety”– Wednesday, June 7, 9:00–11:00  
am, 118 Humphreys Service Building**

**“Chemical Waste Disposal”– Wednesday, June 7,  
11:15 am–12:15 pm, 118 Humphreys Service Building**

**“Laboratory Safety”– Tuesday, June 20, 9:30–11:30  
am, 200 Savage Hall**

**“Laboratory Safety”– Thursday, June 29, 2:00–4:00  
pm, 118 Humphreys Service Building**

Using your Cornell NetID, you can register on-line in SafetyBase at <http://dataworks.fcs.cornell.edu/sb/>. To use Safetybase, you will need to sign into Kerberos, Side Car, or CUWebLogin. If you do not have a Cornell NetID, you can register from the EH&S home page at <http://www.ehs.cornell.edu/>; select Training; select the desired class; then fill out the On-Line Class Registration form, and submit. For help please contact Czora Pagsolingan by e-mail at [cpp5@cornell.edu](mailto:cpp5@cornell.edu) or by phone at 254-4693.



## RADIATION SAFETY TRAINING

Individuals must receive radiation safety training **prior** to starting work with radioactive materials. This training is required by law. The course is given in two separate presentations; both sessions must be attended. There is a short exam, which can be taken either at the end of the second day, or later at our office during normal business hours. *Prior registration for this course is necessary, as seating is assigned on a first come first served basis.* The next Radiation Safety training programs are scheduled for:

**May 16 & 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

To register please use the on-line form available on our EH&S Web site, or call the EH&S main desk, at 5-8200. For the on-line form go to <http://www.ehs.cornell.edu>, select “Training”, then select the course under “Class Times & Registration”. Please fill in all fields before you submit your registration.



## Radiation Safety Eagle Awards



We are pleased to recognize the following laboratories for receiving radiation safety awards:

### March

**A. Bell**, Animal Science, Morrison Hall  
**Y. Boisclair**, Animal Science, Morrison Hall  
**W.R. Butler**, Animal Science, Morrison Hall  
**W. De Jong**, Plant Breeding & Genetics, Bradfield Hall  
**G. Hrazdina**, Food Science & Technology, Geneva  
**M. Jahn**, Plant Breeding, Bradfield Hall  
**P. Johnson**, Animal Science, Morrison Hall  
**A. Nixon**, Vet. Clinical Sciences, VMC  
**T. Setter**, Crop & Soil Sciences, Bradfield Hall  
\* **G. Sharp**, Vet. Molecular Medicine, VMC  
**M. Sorrells**, Plant Breeding, Bradfield Hall  
**R. Spanswick**, Biol. & Environ. Engr., Bradfield Hall  
**M. Van Amburgh**, Animal Science, Morrison Hall

### April

**W. Brown**, Molec. Biology & Genetics, Biotech Bldg.  
**S. Gan**, Plant Molecular Biology, Plant Science Building  
**M. Hanson**, Molecular Biology & Genetics, Biotech Bldg.  
**M. Milgroom**, Plant Pathology, Bradfield Hall  
**J. Nasrallah**, Plant Biology, Emerson Hall  
**J. Roberts**, Molec. Biology & Genetics, Biotech Bldg.  
**J. Rose**, Plant Biology, Emerson Hall  
\* **S. Tanksley**, Plant Breeding & Genetics, Emerson Hall  
**B. Tye**, Molecular Biology & Genetics, Biotech Bldg.

\* Winner of Meal Deal from Pizza Hut

## ADVANCED RECORD KEEPER TRAINING

This special radiation safety training is held monthly, on the last Friday of every month. It is geared just for those who perform inventory record-keeping tasks. The survey class, taught by Wayne Westmiller, is from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., and the inventory class, taught by Marlene Larson, is from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. The next classes are scheduled for Friday, May 26 (register by May 19). **Use our website to register or call Agnes Morris at 5-5600.**

## LABORATORY SAFETY MANUAL

The **Laboratory Safety Manual** is now available on the EHS website. To access it point to: [http://www.ehs.cornell.edu/lrs/LSM/LSM\\_CHP.pdf](http://www.ehs.cornell.edu/lrs/LSM/LSM_CHP.pdf) or go to the [EH&S webpage](#) and click on [Chemical and Laboratory Safety](#) and then [Laboratory Safety Manual and Chemical Hygiene Plan](#).

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