

TO: Deans, Directors, Department Heads

FROM: David Rainer, AVC
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RE: Department of Homeland Security Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard, Status of Chemical Declarations

On November 20, 2007 the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) enacted the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) aimed at enhancing chemical security across the country. These standards apply to all facilities that transport, utilize, or manufacture threshold quantities of 325 chemicals of interest. As a part of the University's response, Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) instituted a chemical declaration program to capture the information required by DHS and ensure our institutional compliance. The owners of 854 safety plans were queried to identify the location of all chemicals of interest under University control. Since the inception of our declaration campaign, Environmental Health and Safety has received information from 94% of all safety plan owners. We are immensely grateful for the prompt and insightful response from the NC State community and look forward to receiving each and every declaration.

As part of the University's ongoing compliance with the DHS standards, EH&S is including these DHS reporting requirements in the annual safety plan renewal process. Principal Investigators will be asked to confirm and attest to the presence, or absence, of specific chemicals in their facilities. EH&S acts as the communication agent for NC State and in accordance with regulatory requirements will provide updates to DHS, to meet current regulatory reporting requirements about chemical procurement.

I encourage you to stress the importance of maintaining accurate chemical inventory information to the safety plan owners within your departments. For assistance with questions, please contact Amy Orders, 515-5208. Thank you for your continued assistance.

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