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Subject:FW: policy on students working in labs

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FYI

Jenn, since this query originated with the Biohazards Subcommittee, please put it on the agenda (information only) for the next meeting.

Thanks,

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Hi Jerry,
Jane and I discussed this ...sorry for the delay in getting back to you. Position Hazard Forms are a WSIB requirement and students are not covered by WSIB.

The lab supervisor is responsible for hazards in the lab and so it would be their obligation to ensure the students working for course credit in the lab comply with whatever the standards/training requirements would be relative to the hazards that exist (radiation safety etc.).

Does that help?

Best regards,
Gitta

From: Gerald Kidder [mailto:gmk@uwo.ca]
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Hello Gitta,

At this morning's biohazards subcommittee meeting a question was raised as to whether undergrads working in research labs on projects for course credit (i.e. not as employees) come under the university's requirement for Position Hazards Forms. These forms are required by OHS to be provided to all lab employees informing them of hazards they may encounter in the workplace. What about students who are not employees- are they too covered by this policy? If not, it seems there should be something comparable to the Position Hazards Form that applies to them. Perhaps this should be discussed at the next University Health and Safety Committee meeting. Thoughts?

Regards,

Jerry