

# EENS ESH Newsletter

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## Clean Lab Coats

EENS Research Operations maintains a contract with Dial Ace Laundry to pick up and launder Directorate personnel's lab coats (Lab coats used for working with radiation follow different procedures). Each laboratory building (490, 526, 815, and 830) has a collection/pickup container for dirty lab coats. Pickup for laundering of lab coats is weekly. Employees should have enough assigned lab coats to protect them during this rotation period. Laundering requirements of lab coats should be included in experimental reviews when particularly hazardous substances (carcinogens, reproductive toxins, and highly acute toxins) are used. *When you no longer need the coats, put them in a bag with a note stating "no longer needed" and place the bag at the designated pick up/drop off point.* If you need a lab coat or want more information contact Research Operations (*L. Cohen, x2746*).



## Safety Glasses and Shoes

The Safety Shoe and Glasses Office is now located in Building 30 (Brookhaven Center). Shoes are available Tuesday (1 p.m. to 5 p.m.) and Thursday (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Glasses are available on Wednesdays (8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Safety shoes require an E-procurement Safety Shoe Voucher. Safety glasses still follow the old procedure of filling out the "Authorization for issue of One Pair of Safety Glasses" form. This form must be signed by your ESH coordinator (*L. Bowerman x4265* or *P. Carr x7192*) and submitted to the safety glass representative in Bldg. 30. A new eye prescription must be submitted every 2 years and a maximum of 2 pairs of shoes and one pair of glasses will be issued per year.



## Ladder Safety

Most of us can just laugh at these pictures and hope that no one was injured trying to over-extend themselves or their ladders. But, if you have ever had a moment of **"Oh no, now what am I going to do?"** at the top of a ladder (or the bottom) there is a training course just for you. The BNL Training Home Page (<http://training.bnl.gov/demo/courses/index.html>) has a web-based course on Ladder Safety (TQ-Ladder). It takes about 15 minutes and it is a good refresher to reinforce work planning on-the-job and at home.

## Postings and Barriers



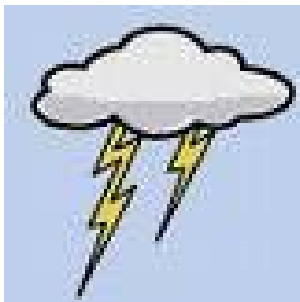
**Be Alert—Things Change!** Because most of us are in a hurry, sometimes new postings go up and we don't even see them. However, it is never okay to cross barriers or disobey safety postings. In fact, many people might not know that this is considered an ESH procedural violation, even if it does not involve a danger to an employee or pose a threat to the environment. This type of behavior demonstrates a degree of carelessness or indifference to rules or procedures and undermines the Laboratory's ESH programs. Depending on the type of incident, it can result in a disciplinary action as determined by your supervisor. If ever in doubt about a posting or barrier contact your supervisor, the Building Manager, or your ESH Coordinator.

## Goodbye Building 475!

At the end of August, the Energy Sciences and Technology Department will be occupying newly improved space in Building 130. The old "H" building (475) will be vacated and is scheduled for demolition as part of a trade-in for new buildings that will be going up on site (e.g. the new Interdisciplinary Science Building). Everyone's cooperation made this big move possible. Thanks to all for their efforts.



## Storm Safety



Did you know that there are about 100,000 thunderstorms per year in the United States? Because they are so common, people don't always remember some of these safety tips:

- 1) Stay out of the tub or shower - metal plumbing fixtures can transmit electricity.
- 2) Stay off the phone and away from electronic devices - lightning can follow the wires.
- 3) The safest place to wait out the storm is in a room with no windows or the basement.

For more information go to:

[http://www.supporting-families.com/lmi\\_dd\\_storm003.pdf](http://www.supporting-families.com/lmi_dd_storm003.pdf)

## Reminder

**Employees** are responsible to report work-related injuries, illnesses, potential exposures to chemical, biological, radiological or other hazard, and near misses immediately to your supervisor, manager, or Principal Investigator (PI). *You must report to the OMC within 24 hours of incurring the injury or when an occupational illness is confirmed.*

**Supervisors** are responsible to send their employees to the Occupational Medicine Clinic prior to returning to work from a work incurred injury or illness, or if they use greater than 5 consecutive sick days.