Purpose

This policy outlines the responsibilities of the Office of Environment, Health and Safety (EH&S) as the sole communicator with environmental health and safety regulatory agencies on behalf UCSF.

Policy

A. Regulatory agencies which impact UCSF operations include the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, San Francisco Health Department, California State Department of Health Services, California State Fire Marshal’s Office, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

B. EH&S, as a liaison to outside agencies, has the responsibility to maintain clear communication with environmental health and safety regulatory agencies and to provide appropriate technical input in decision making and compliance strategies.

1. EH&S shall act on behalf of all UCSF campus sites and medical centers with regulatory agencies regarding matters of environment, health, or safety. This includes both written and verbal communications, scheduling visits of said agencies, and coordination of abatement violations issued by regulatory agencies to any department or administrative unit.

2. All correspondence received from such regulatory agencies must be forwarded to EH&S. When representatives of regulatory agencies conduct unscheduled visits or inspections, EH&S must be notified immediately.

3. Exceptions must be approved by the Executive Vice Chancellor.

Responsibilities

Contact Office of Origin (see above) with any questions.

Related Policies

- 050-16 - Communication with Government Officials and Agencies