

University of Illinois Materials Research Lab (MRL)

July 2019



Important Dates and Reminders

IMPORTANT DATES:

ZEISS ZEN Blue Workshop

- July 9th & 10th at IGB
- Free but **MUST** register
- Register [here](#) !!!

AVS Prairie Chapter Meeting

- September 5th
- Details to come

DAILY REMINDERS

- Use buddy system when working in labs
- Do not leave labs unlocked
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Remove lab PPE before leaving lab spaces. PPE is not allowed in public areas

Safety Newsletter

This month topic are summer lab attire and new DRS waste tags.

Proper Lab Attire

Appropriate laboratory clothing provides the basic protection against skin exposure in a lab environment. It is important to wear the appropriate clothing in the lab at all times, even during the **hot summer months**. We have had too many proper lab attire violations in recent weeks.

If you are going to be coming to the lab in shorts or sandals, you **MUST** bring long pants and appropriate shoes to change into before entering the lab.

Lab users **MUST** always wear footwear that completely covers the feet. Sandals and open/holed shoes are not allowed. Lab users **MUST** be wearing clothing that covers the legs should always be worn in a laboratory. Loose clothing and long hair should be confined. Loose clothing and long hair could easily come in contact with chemicals, catch on fire, or even become caught in machinery.

In addition to the appropriate laboratory attire, basic personal protective equipment (PPE) must be worn. Basic PPE is considered to be lab coats, safety glasses, and gloves. These should be worn in the laboratory when there is a potential for exposure to hazards. Additional PPE that may be required for certain procedures include a face shield, apron, acid smock, or shoe covers.

The PI/laboratory supervisor shall determine which PPE is required to protect laboratory personnel from the hazards they are exposed to and provide such equipment without cost to the personnel. It is important to review the safety data sheets (SDS) before working with chemicals to know what PPE is required while handling it.

All protective clothing should be removed and left in the laboratory before entering non-lab areas. All protective clothing is either disposed of by the lab or laundered, it should never be taken home by personnel.



