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The Department of Environmental and Safety (EH&S) strives to support the core research and teaching mission of the University of Pittsburgh. EH&S implements various environmental surveys to assist faculty, staff, and students in implementing best practices and maintaining compliance with applicable laws and University procedures.

1. EH&S conducts laboratory safety surveys in all (wet laboratory) each calendar year. A wet laboratory is defined as any laboratory using chemical or biological agents.
2. The laboratory safety survey findings are documented by the EH&S staff and forwarded to the principle investigator. As necessary, copies of the survey reports are forwarded to the chemical hygiene officer, department chairperson, and/or respective dean.
3. A written plan of correction should be submitted to EH&S within one month of receipt of the survey report.
4. On occasion, extremely critical safety hazards are identified on laboratory surveys or environmental surveys. EH&S will perform follow-up and seek immediate corrective action on such findings. EH&S will utilize the line management of the principle investigator to assist with enforcement of corrective actions.
5. Environmental surveys and laboratory surveys conducted by EH&S are typically announced and are always conducted in a congenial and non-confrontational manner.
6. If a condition is identified as posing an eminent hazard to safety or health, the operation can be suspended by EH&S and the University's administration after consultation and approval by the Dean of that particular school, the office of the provost, the office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for the Health Sciences, or the Executive Vice Chancellor.