

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Desert Research & Extension Center

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

All UC employees are responsible to provide and maintain a safe working environment for co-workers and visitors at the Desert Research & Extension Center (DREC). The following summarizes some of the key Health and Safety (H&S) responsibilities for supervisors and research project leaders at DREC:

- Ensure that their staff and employees are in compliance with UC, federal, state and local policies, regulations, permits, and codes that apply to their research activities at DREC.
- Ensure that their staff and employees are properly trained and documented for the safe operation of all tools and equipment used on the DREC, including small hand and fixed tools, tractors, forklifts, sprayers, all-terrain vehicles, automobiles and other equipment.
- Make every effort to identify and resolve potential safety hazards as quickly as possible.
- Maintain appropriate H&S records as required by departmental and DREC H&S programs, records will be made available for inspection as requested by UC and regulatory agencies.
- Read, review and adhere to safety policies and plans as required for their research activities.
 - Adhere to worker protection standards (WPS), UC chemical carcinogen and radioactive material, chemical inventory, label, MSDS, pre/post pesticide application notification and reporting, crop destruct, hazard waste disposal, chemical lab safety, injury and illness prevention, and other appropriate H&S guidelines.
 - Prepare training, equipment use and maintenance logs and records as required for their specific equipment and research activities.
 - Obtain a Chemical Inventory System (CIS) account, maintain current chemical inventory and list of MSDS's for all chemicals brought onto the Center.
 - Obtain appropriate pre-approval permits for carcinogen and radioactive material purchase, storage or use at the DREC.
 - Identify and provide project crop destruction maps identifying all project work involving experimental and/or out of registration work.
- Adhere to good housekeeping practices for all project-related activities, including storage and project completion.
- Reassign, remove or dispose of all hazardous materials, pesticides, registered or unregistered compounds at the completion of research & extension projects. Materials not removed will be the responsibility of the Project Leader and will be removed as a hazard waste upon coordination with the department.