

Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab Procedures

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PROCEDURE SUMMARY

A Hazard Communication (HazCom) Program shall be implemented to comply with the Texas Health and Safety Code - Chapter 502, *The Texas Hazard Communication Act*, and Chapter 506, *The Public Employer Community Right to Know Act*, and ensure the safety of employees who work with hazardous chemicals. The purpose of these Acts is to provide information to employees, emergency responders, and the Commissioner of State Health Services regarding hazardous chemicals at the workplace. The HazCom Program assigns responsibilities, and describes procedures for providing information regarding hazardous chemicals to which persons may be exposed to during normal employment activities, during emergency situations, or as a result of proximity to the use of those chemicals.

This procedure establishes the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) Hazard Communication Program.

PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

1.1 The TVMDL Laboratory Safety Officer will:

- A. Provide oversight of written procedures supporting the TVMDL HazCom Program;
- B. Administer the HazCom Program for each unit;
- C. Monitor compliance with the HazCom Program;
- D. Serve as a liaison and provide reports to the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) and TAMU Environmental Health and Safety Department; and
- E. Serve as TVMDL's Chemical Hygiene Officer.

1.2 Section Heads and Supervisors will:

- A. Comply with the HazCom Program; and
- B. Ensure employees are aware of, understand, and comply with written HazCom program procedures.

1.3 Employees will:

Comply with HazCom and TVMDL specific procedures.

2.0 COMPLIANCE

Compliance with the Hazard Communication Program will be monitored periodically during facility inspections performed by either the Environmental Health and Safety Department or the TVMDL Laboratory Safety Officer.

RELATED STATUTES, POLICIES, OR REQUIREMENTS

[System Policy 24.01, Risk Management](#)

[System Regulation 24.01.01, Health and Safety, and its associated standards](#)

[Texas Health and Safety Code - Chapter 502, The Texas Hazard Communication Act](#)

[Texas Health and Safety Code - Chapter 506, The Public Employer Community Right to Know Act](#)

CONTACT OFFICE

Questions regarding this procedure should be referred to the Laboratory Safety Officer at 979-845-3414.

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