

# Caltech EH&S Update – January 2024

The Environmental Health and Safety Office provides updates to the campus community regarding key changes to its programs, manuals, forms, processes, and practices.

## PROGRAM REVISIONS

The following documents, linked for your reference and review, were updated during calendar year 2023:

- a) **Revised: [Confined Space Program](#)**
  - Reevaluated confined spaces on campus.
  - Redefined signage posting of permit-required spaces.
- b) **Revised: [Facilities Training Matrix](#)**
  - Updated required training by Job Category.
  - Updated notes on training scope and frequency.
- c) **Revised: [Researcher Training Matrix](#)**
  - Updated lab safety training requirements for Supervisors, research personnel, postdocs, graduate students, undergraduate students, visitors, and general lab staff.

## PROCESS CHANGES

**eWaste Pick-Up Services:** Effective January 2024, eWaste Pick-Up Services will be held on the first and third alternate Wednesday in 2024, *a process change from Thursdays to Wednesdays.*

Use the [Facilities Service Requests](#) portal to request Electronic Waste (e-Waste) pickups.

## 2024 CAMPUS-WIDE FIRE DRILLS

EH&S is partnering with our campus constituents to perform Fire Alarm Testing and Building Evacuation Drills in February!

## HELPFUL EH&S LINKS

[EH&S Website](#)

[Injury and Illness Prevention Program \(IIPP\)](#)  
[Environmental Health & Safety Policy](#)

## STATUS UPDATES

- a. **Caltech Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP)**
  - i. In compliance with the California Code of Regulations (T8 CCR, 5191) the Caltech CHP conveys procedures required to protect Campus personnel from exposure to hazardous chemicals.
  - ii. Under the leadership of Caltech's Institute Chemical Hygiene Officer, Nate Siladke PhD, all controls implemented as part of the CHP at the EH&S, Division, and Laboratory levels were found suitable and efficiently operating. (No findings.)
- b. **EH&S Website Spotlight: Hearing Conservation Program**
  - i. Campus-wide noise surveys of all areas that fell within the program were performed in October and November 2023.
  - ii. Recorded findings revealed none of these work areas fell within OSHA thresholds for noise exposure. The Program was removed from the EH&S website in December.
  - iii. NOTE: The Supervisor/Department must notify the Environmental Health and Safety Office ([EH&S](#)) of any noise concerns, complaints, or potential campus noise hazards.

## FREE LAB SAFETY GLASSES

The EH&S Office is providing free ANSI-rated safety goggles to all campus personnel. Just stop by the Post Office to pick up your pair or contact [safety@caltech.edu](mailto:safety@caltech.edu) to obtain boxes of 10 or a case of 300!

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