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TO: Department Heads

Cc: Deans and Directors

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SUBJECT: UW Lab Coat Program for **Paid Employees**

Good Morning Department Heads,

Historically, there has been three types of lab coats available for UW personnel. These include white poly/cotton general lab, light blue barrier/fluid resistant for biological materials and navy blue flame retardant. Reminder that employees are not allowed to take Lab Coats home for cleaning.

UW Lab Coat Program, Coat Type Update:

Two types of lab coats are now available: light blue barrier/fluid resistant (FL) for biological materials and flame resistant/chemical protective (FR/CP) royal blue lab coats.

In order to ensure the correct lab coat for your **PAID** personnel (faculty, staff, and research graduate/undergraduate students), UW Safety must obtain new/updated type & sizing information.

Please have the principal investigators complete a **Hazard Assessment Form** specific to their lab prior to their personnel receiving a new lab coat(s). This will help ensure the correct lab coat type and size is issued.

UW Safety will maintain a larger stock of lab coats in our two locations (Animal Sci/Molb Complex, Rm 203 and WH-202 (previously PS-20)).

Additionally, existing white poly/cotton general lab and navy blue flame retardant coats must be returned to the UW Safety Office.

A reminder: UW personnel are to not launder lab coats at home. Lab coats will be laundered by AlSCO.

Regarding Customer Owned Goods (COGs), UW Safety intends to address those items later this summer.

The attached documents provide some additional, more specific information:

- 1) PowerPoint about UW lab coat safety
- 2) Lab coat information bulletin
- 3) Lab coat type and size form **(NEW)**
- 4) Lab coat sizing information for both women and men
- 5) Hazardous Assessment Form **(NEW)**

Thank you for your help with this important Lab Coat Program.