BIOHAZARD SPILL PROCEDURE

IN THE EVENT OF AN UNCONFINED SPILL:

- Notify all laboratory personnel immediately.

- Protect personnel
  - a. Evacuate the area (if appropriate).
  - b. Decontaminate personnel, and place contaminated clothing in appropriate biohazard bag for autoclaving or disposal.
  - c. Post appropriate warning signs.

- Call the lab supervisor, emergency coordinator, and/or Environmental Health and Safety (4672, 2740, or 2044) for additional guidance.

- Stabilize and decontaminate the spill (unless there is risk to personal safety).
  - a. Allow aerosols to settle before reentering spill area (approx. 30 minutes).
  - b. Cover spill with dry paper towel(s), and soak with appropriate disinfectant.
  - c. Add additional disinfectant from outer edge of spill.
  - d. Allow at least 20 minutes for disinfectant to act.
  - e. Contain and appropriately dispose of spill debris.
  - f. Disinfect other contaminated items or bag for autoclaving or disposal.

- For spills too large or too hazardous for safe clean-up, or fire, call HELP (4357) for assistance.

NOTE: When reporting a biohazard incident:
  - a. Give the location,
  - b. Identify the biological agent that was spilled (spell it),
  - c. Estimate the quantity spilled,
  - d. Note any injuries or fire, and
  - e. Give your name and phone number.

Laboratory Emergency Coordinator:

Laboratory Supervisor:

Location of Fire Extinguisher:

Location of Fire Alarm:

Location of Disinfectant and Spill Control Materials: