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, 1625, 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 Eye Wash/Safety Shower:

Location of Fire Alarm:

Location of Disinfectant and Spill Control Materials: