General Announcements

- **Student safety inspections** – committee members perform mock inspections to advise and help labs correct safety issues prior to EHS inspections. Results of inspections will be facilitated via PDF to groups along with prior EHS inspection reports.

- **Lab door signage/postings** - template distributed via email. Contact information should be filled in and sheet should be displayed on exterior of lab doors (do NOT place on windows!!!!). It is important that graduate student/post-doctorate contact information is provided as well as professor in charge.

- Annual **departmental lab safety cleanout** is scheduled for May 14th. We are looking into old electronics disposal this year as well. A pizza lunch will be provided to all participants following cleanup.

- **Safety moments** – presented at the beginning of each Friday’s seminar (1-2 minutes). We welcome any volunteers interested in presenting a brief safety idea.

- University of Minnesota recently published a **J. Chem. Ed. Article** on “Student Involvement in Improving the Culture of Safety in Academic Laboratories.”
  http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021%2Fed400305e

- **EHS weekly inspection overview** – housekeeping is an ongoing issue (sinks cluttered with glassware), eyewash stations are often obstructed by distilled water jugs (make sure eyewashes are easily accessible), and fume hood sashes should be 8-10 inches from bottom.

- When **reporting odors**: notify EHS (Paula, Bob, or Ryan) by phone, notify facilities management by phone (if between 7am-430pm), notify service one by phone (if between 430pm-7am), notify public safety, and email Bob Haushalter. If you notice an odor, find the source! Many odors dissipate prior to EHS/public safety’s arrival.