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SECTION: CAMPUS OPERATIONS

AREA: OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY EYE WASH/SHOWER INSPECTION POLICY

PURPOSE

To ensure that UAMS has a process for emergency eye wash and showers to be in working order and contaminate free of rust and bacteria.

SCOPE

All UAMS employees, faculty and staff.

DEFINITIONS

Eye Washes & Safety Showers: equipment that is designed to provide emergency decontamination in the event of contact with a chemical or hazardous material.

POLICY

UAMS shall have designated emergency eye wash and shower stations. Location of the eye wash and shower stations shall be made through a risk assessment performed by Occupational Health and Safety.

UAMS shall perform weekly and monthly testing of the emergency eye wash stations and quarterly testing of emergency showers.

PROCEDURES

Procedures to follow for testing of Emergency Eye Washes and Showers:

1. Weekly Inspection of Emergency Eye Washes

- a. Departments with emergency eye washes shall conduct a weekly inspection of the eye wash stations.
- b. The water is to be turned on with the caps in place and run clear for 20 seconds.
- c. The inspector shall ensure that emergency eye washes are not obstructed in any way.
- d. The inspection shall be documented in the Weekly Eye Wash Station Testing Log (see attachment).

2. Monthly Inspection of Emergency Eye Washes

- a. All emergency eye washes shall be tested monthly by Engineering & Operations (E&O).
- b. E & O will follow their Preventative Maintenance Inspection checklist (PMI).

3. Quarterly Testing of Emergency Showers

- a. E & O shall inspect all emergency showers on a quarterly basis.
- b. Inspection procedures will be performed in accordance with the preventative maintenance inspection checklist.
- c. For inspection purposes discharges will be collected by a tray or discharged into the sanitary sewer.

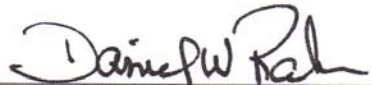
4. Repairs

- a. All repairs will be immediately turned into E & O on a priority life safety work order request and by calling 526-0000.

REFERENCES

29CFR 1910.151(c); ANSI Z2358.1 (latest edition)

29CFR 1910.1450-Appendix A, OSHA

Signature: 

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