MEMORANDUM

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To: All Campus Locations with Safety Showers and Eyewash Stations Serviced by Facility Services

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Re: Servicing of Safety Showers and Eyewash Stations

Facility Services has traditionally performed monthly inspection along with flushing of the eyewash stations and safety showers. At this frequency, we are exceeding the minimum annual inspection requirements and can no longer support this. On a go-forward basis, Facility Services will only perform the inspection test annually to ensure that the device is in working order and compliant with the current ANSI standard.

ANSI standard Z358.1-2004 recommends as best practice to “activate weekly for a period long enough to verify operation and ensure that flushing fluid is available.” It is recommended by EOHSS and Facility Services that weekly flushing takes place on eyewash or safety showers where proper drainage for the water is available. This best practice should be carried out by those that work in or utilize the space in which the eyewash or safety shower resides.

All eyewash and safety showers have inspection tags on them for sign-off on completion of the inspections and flushing tests. The individual completing the weekly flushing test should continue to document their test using these tags. New or replacement tags are available through Facility Services by contacting Customer Service Centre at ext. 24740.

If there are questions on how to complete the weekly testing, please contact Facility Services Customer Service Centre and detailed testing procedures for your specific area can be provided.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

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