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DEANS, DIRECTORS, DEPARTMENT CHAIRS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS and FACULTY

Re: Minors in Laboratories and Shops

In preparation for summer internships and volunteer research of minors in laboratories and/or shops, EH&S has prepared the Release of Liability Waiver form and supporting documentation designed to inform minors and their parents and/or guardians of the potential risks that may be found in laboratories and shops. The documentation also includes a list of safety rules for minors working in laboratories and shops. These documents are sent in advance of a UC system-wide policy on Minors in Laboratories and Shops, which is expected to be approved later in 2011.

In addition to completing these documents, please ensure all minors have received the appropriate laboratory and shop safety training PRIOR to their beginning work. At a minimum, anyone – minor or adult – who will be in a lab is required to complete the Laboratory Safety Fundamental Concepts class. Additional training requirements may apply depending on the nature of the work that will be conducted in the lab and/or shop. The EH&S Class Description and Training Schedule, along with enrollment instructions, can be found online: http://map.ais.ucla.edu/go/1003938. Please contact the EH&S Training and Outreach program by emailing training@ehs.ucla.edu or calling 310-794-5328 if you have any questions or would like to schedule an additional training class.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to protect the health and safety of the campus community.

Sincerely,

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Director