Parent/Legal Guardian Consent

Purpose: The purpose of this document is to ensure parents and/or legal guardians are aware of the guidelines set forth by UIW and Environmental Health Safety and Risk Management (EHSRM) with respect to minors working in a laboratory setting. We understand minors may be inexperienced with the potential hazards in a laboratory environment. Principal investigators, laboratory supervisors, or EHSRM personnel will be involved in training minors on laboratory safety and rules. The goal is for minors to have a safe, educational and fun research experience.

Note: A minor is an individual who is under the age of 18

Definitions:

Minor: an individual under the age of 18
Principal Investigator (PI) / Lab supervisor: individual in charge of laboratory who is responsible for directing activities and overseeing minors are abiding to laboratory rules
Laboratory environment: area or rooms where hazardous chemicals, biological and radioactive materials may be stored and handled.
Personal protective equipment (PPE): used to minimize exposure to various hazards (e.g. gloves, lab coats, goggles)
Carcinogen: a substance or agent that can cause cancer
Pathogenic: what is causing or capable of causing a disease

The following are basic rules for minors working in a laboratory:

• Always follow the instructions given by laboratory supervisor, principal investigator (PI), or individual giving authority designated by lab supervisor or PI
• Always wear appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment). PPE may be goggles, gloves, lab coats, etc.
• Always wear closed-toe shoes in a laboratory
• Never eat, drink or chew gum in a laboratory
• Never work alone without the direct supervision of laboratory supervisor

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) prohibits minors working with the following:

• Handling, storing, or working near potentially explosive chemicals
• Performing motor vehicle driving or deliveries
• Handling, using, or operating power-driven woodworking machines
• Operating power-driven hoisting apparatus (sky lifts or forklifts)
• Operating power-driven metal-forming or punching machines
• Operating power-driven slicing, packaging, or shearing equipment
• Operating power-driven paper baling machines or compactors
• Handling, using, or operating power-driven circular saws, bandsaws, bonesaws, trimmers, or shears
• Working in a laboratory that manipulates active pathogenic agents of childhood disease
• Handling or using Class I carcinogen
• Handling or using Class II-V carcinogen
• Working in a Biosafety Level 3 laboratory
• Handling or use highly toxic chemicals (e.g. $LD_{50}<0.1\ \text{mg/kg}$)
• Working with research animals

_Signing this form indicates acknowledgement of the following information listed. The potential hazards in the project area assigned to the minor have been explained above and any necessary safety precautions will be taken to prevent exposure to hazardous conditions or agents._

Name of Minor:_____________________________
Department/Division: ________________________ Building/Room #: ________________________
PI/Lab Supervisor: ___________________________ PI/Lab Supervisor: ___________________________
Start Date: ____________________________ End Date: __________
Classification of Minor (circle): EMPLOYEE  STUDENT  VISITOR  OTHER: _______________

_Environmental Health Safety and Risk Management Review (completed by EHSRM only)_

Has project been approved by EHSRM (circle): YES NO

If no.  Why?
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Comments?
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EHSRM representative signature: ________________________________