

SHIPPING DANGEROUS GOODS: TRAINING/CERTIFICATION UPDATE

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In-House Dangerous Goods Shipping Training Program. As a service to the VCU research community, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) offers dangerous goods training/certification which focuses on shipment of infectious substances, dry ice, and hazardous chemicals through quarterly platform presentations. This training session is mandatory for any VCU/VCU Health system employee who ships Department of Transportation (DOT) dangerous goods. It is illegal to ship dangerous goods without the proper training and certification. The training course will cover International Air Transport Association (IATA) and DOT regulations pertaining to shipment of dangerous goods by air. Examples of dangerous goods include, but are not limited to, infectious agents, patient specimens, hazardous chemicals, genetically modified organisms or plants, and dry ice. Training certificates for the shipment of dangerous goods will be provided to those who successfully complete the certification examination and are valid for two years. ***Pre-registration is not required. Please be on time as those arriving more than ten minutes after the beginning of training will not be certified.***

1. Platform Training Presentations**:
 - a. March 7, 2012: Sanger Hall, Room 6-032
 - b. June 6, 2012: Trani Life Sciences Building, Room TBA*
 - c. September 5, 2012: Sanger Hall, Room TBA*
 - d. December 5, 2012: Sanger Hall, Room TBA*

* Classroom location has yet to be announced and/or may be subject to change. Please contact OEHS at 828-1392 in advance to confirm the location of the training session.

** All training sessions are held from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Anyone who ships DOT dangerous goods by air must be trained, tested, and certified every two years. To fulfill this requirement, individuals may attend one of our platform training sessions offered quarterly or may obtain training from third parties. We strongly recommend the recertification occur in the quarter ***prior*** to the quarter in which current certification expires. We are not able to accommodate individual requests for “emergency” training to meet individual shipping needs.

2. Questions concerning dangerous goods should be directed via e-mail to Paul Smith at pasmith@vcu.edu, Mike Elliott at mtelliot@vcu.edu, or Elizabeth Land at eoland@vcu.edu.