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## Holiday Delivery Schedule for Radioactive Materials



REHS will be closed Monday, December 25, 2023 through Monday, January 1, 2024 for the holiday break. REHS will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 and resume delivery of radioactive materials (RAM) packages.

Please plan ahead for RAM orders to be delivered by the vendor to REHS by 12/22/23 **OR** on/after 1/2/24.

**If you anticipate a crucial need for a RAM delivery during 12/26 - 12/29...**

**Please contact REHS—Radiation Safety by Friday 12/15 via email or phone** so that REHS can make necessary arrangements. Provide the exact date of delivery provided by the vendor.

**If you have not notified REHS in advance of a RAM order during the holiday break**, please do not order RAM from a vendor (and do not report orders to REHS via phone or REHS website) **after Friday 12/22** for delivery between 12/26 - 12/29. REHS will not be aware of deliveries.

## RADIATION SAFETY GUIDE UPDATE

REHS is in the process of updating the Radiation Safety Guide with an anticipated completion date of January 2024. The new guide will be provided in digital format only. All Authorees shall have a Radiation Safety Guide easily accessible to all lab workers in their lab.



## Reminders re: Wipe Test Changes

### Tritium Users

- Includes other low energy beta emitters, e.g., Fe-55, Ni-63.
- Quarterly wipe tests are required if a low energy beta emitter is used within a calendar quarter (survey meters cannot detect low energy beta emitting RAM).
- “No Use Statements” are required if tritium and/or other low energy beta emitters are not used in at least 1 calendar quarter. The “No Use” form shall be documented by the end of each calendar quarter. A NEW form is available!
- Labs that run wipe tests should have access to a functional liquid scintillation counter.

### All Other RAM (excluding tritium/low energy beta emitters)

- Routine (monthly) wipe tests are no longer required.
- “No Use Statements” are no longer required.
- Surveys with handheld survey meters are still required.
- Post-experiment surveys and their DAILY documentation must still be performed.

## TRAINING CORNER



### **REMINDER: RADIATION SAFETY REFRESHER**

**All Authorees & radiation workers must complete Radiation Safety Refresher training before December 31, 2023.**

Refresher radiation safety training is required annually for all Authorees and rad workers who have previously taken radiation safety training. Online refresher training can be found on the MyREHS website: <https://myrehs.rutgers.edu/>

To access MyREHS, enter your NetID and password, then click on **Radiation Safety Database** → **Online Refresher Training** (green box under Main Menu & PI's name).

Contact REHS-Rad Safety if you need registration assistance.

### **INITIAL RADIATION TRAINING SCHEDULE**

Initial radiation safety training is required for all workers who intend to handle radioactive material. Training must be completed prior to working with radioactive material.

**DECEMBER 11 (Monday) REHS Office 1 PM – 4 PM**

**\*\*2024 Schedule TBD\*\***

Register for classes online and find directions here:

[https://halfife.rutgers.edu/training\\_calendar/calendar.php](https://halfife.rutgers.edu/training_calendar/calendar.php)

All initial training sessions are held at the REHS office – see our website for directions:

<https://ipo.rutgers.edu/rehs/contact-rehs>

