

# Appendix C

## LABORATORY DECOMMISSIONING

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## A. Overview

Laboratory staff must leave the laboratory in a clean and safe condition for construction crews. Prior to vacating a laboratory, laboratory staff must remove all chemical, biological and radiological materials and they must decontaminate all work surfaces. They must also remove all equipment (unless arrangements have been otherwise) and any garbage or other items that will not be wanted by the new occupants or need to be out of the way of renovation.

## B. Notice of Laboratory Move-out

Project Managers must verify that the laboratory is clean and decontaminated prior to demolition or construction of a lab to help prevent unexpected delays or unsafe conditions. In addition, the [\*Notice of Laboratory Moveout \(UoW 1800\)\*](#) must be completed, signed and posted on the inside of one of the laboratory doors.

If you can, consider a site visit with the Department Administrator or Building Coordinator to verify that the laboratory is clean before construction begins.

## C. Chemical Fume Hood Duct Cleaning

A contractor should perform the cleaning of fume hood ducts because it requires working in restricted spaces and coordination with the project.

Perchloric acid fume hood systems have the potential to form perchlorate deposits that are heat and shock sensitive. Arrange sampling for perchlorates through an environmental consultant prior to demolition of the hood or duct. If the testing results identify perchlorate deposits, the clean the duct thoroughly prior to demolition.