



# 14. Research Involving Hazardous and Bio-Hazardous Materials/Processes

### Overview

Provides information related to UAEU requirements and resources for research that involves use of hazardous or bio-hazardous materials or processes.

## Scope

Applies to all employees of the UAEU.

## Objective

The University is a major research Institution in the UAE. As such, potentially hazardous materials may be present on the campus or some research may involve hazardous processes. In order to ensure the safety of the community while also allowing researchers to continue their scientific pursuits, the following Policy has been established.

#### Policy

- 1. The University shall strictly observe all federal laws and good practice in dealing with hazardous materials and processes.
- 2. The University shall take all the necessary measures and shall establish necessary entities to observe the compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.
- 3. The University faculty, staff, and students, and non-University entities dealing with University business must comply with regulations and University Policies and Procedures when conducting research and teaching activities or when dealing in general with the hazardous materials and processes.



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# **Procedures of Policy No. (14) - Research Involving Hazardous and Bio-Hazardous Materials/Processes**

# 1. Institutional Safety Committee (ISC)

The University shall establish an Institutional Safety Committee (ISC) whose members shall be appointed by the DVCRGS.

# 2. Appointment of Environmental, Health and Safety Officer (EHSO)

The University shall appoint an Environmental Health and Safety officer (EHSO) who will be a member in the ISC.

## 3. Responsibilities of the EHSO and ISC

The EHSO officer and the ISC shall be responsible for ensuring University compliance with University Policies and Procedures and applicable UAE Laws in relation to safety and environmental health. In addition, the EHSO and the ISC shall monitor and inspect all University research facilities utilizing any hazardous or bio-hazardous materials and processes, and to recommend to the DVCRGS such actions as appropriate to ensure the health and safety of individuals.