

## **Radiation Safety Committee**

The Radiation Safety Committee will strive to ensure that all ionizing and non-ionizing radiation hazards used in teaching and research are obtained, used, stored, transferred and disposed of properly. The Committee will work with the Radiation Safety Officer to minimize risks and to ensure compliance with relevant laws and regulations pertaining to ionizing and non-ionizing radiation hazards. The Radiation Safety Committee is responsible for:

- assisting in the development of appropriate procedures as required by all regulations to oversee the possession and/or use of radiation sources;
- recommending the suspension or termination of the possession or use of radiation sources, including research, where the Committee finds noncompliance or that such use or possession poses a threat to the health and safety of the community;
- routinely reviewing the policies and procedures for working with radiation hazards and recommend modifications as necessary to ensure appropriate radiation safety measures and compliance with federal and state requirements;
- assisting with a periodic review of the possession and/or use of radiation sources to ensure compliance with federal and state requirements;
- working with the University's Environmental Health and Safety Officer in developing and adopting emergency plans covering accidental spill and personnel contamination resulting from use or possession of radiation hazards.

The Committee will meet 2-3 times a year. The Chair will be elected from the group annually. Operational recommendations of the Committee will be made to the Associate Provost for Research Initiatives and/or the Assistant Vice President for University Operations. Policy recommendations will be made to the appropriate University Policy Committees.

The Radiation Safety Committee will be composed of at least five members who are appointed by the Associate Provost for Research Initiatives. The members will collectively have experience and expertise in potential hazards, particularly ionizing radiation, and the capability to assess the safety of research involving radioactive materials, lasers, magnetic fields, x-ray sources, and other radiation sources and to identify any potential risk to public health, animal and plant health or products, or the environment posed by such research.