

# Environmental Health & Safety Laboratory Newsletter January-February 2024



*Welcome to Lehigh*



Please join us as we welcome William (Bill) Santa to Lehigh University as the Director of Environmental Health and Safety.

Bill possesses over 20 years of extensive experience in higher education, construction, and risk management. He completed his undergraduate and graduate studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, earning degrees in Safety and Environmental Sciences.

Through his career, Bill has been instrumental in the creation of safe and sustainable environments, with the well-being of students, faculty and staff as top priority. His focal points include identifying areas for improvement, crafting effective policies and procedures, and implementing rigorous training programs to ensure compliance with regulatory standards. His driving force is the facilitation of growth, the promotion of diversity, and the establishment of a secure and supportive environment.

Bill comes to Lehigh from the University of Pittsburgh. During his tenure, the University of Pittsburgh saw the successful implementation of a comprehensive Institutional Health and Safety program. This program

encompasses diverse facets such as occupational safety, facilities management, construction, risk management, hazardous materials and waste, multidisciplinary research and engineering lab safety, emergency planning, and related safety initiatives.

Bill and his wife are relocating from Ligonier, PA. Together they enjoy fly fishing, the outdoors, their dogs and many family activities with their young adult children.

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## Thank You From EH&S

During the week of January 8, 2024 the Bethlehem Fire Department conducted a campus wide safety review of many Lehigh buildings, including all laboratories. There were some areas that required minor improvements; however, they noted that there was a remarkable improvement in laboratory safety across campus. Two of the lab buildings, Iacocca Hall and HST, received no noted violations. A reinspection of specific areas is scheduled to occur in February.

EH&S and LU Facilities would like to thank the faculty, staff and students for their efforts in maintaining a safe environment in all buildings on campus.

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## Battery Recycling Protocol



Environmental Health & Safety and LU Facilities have implemented a new protocol for alkaline battery recycling on campus.

New battery recycling bins (pictured at above) have been placed on campus that allows the campus community to drop off alkaline batteries at the following locations: STEPS, HST, and Iacocca Hall. The bins are located in the dock area of each building. We will provide an update as new locations are added.

If your department collects batteries for recycling, please follow the new protocol for pickup of the batteries.

On The Perch homepage, click the [WORK ORDER](#) icon, filling out the form with the necessary information. Leave the Index Number for the charge blank. Your department will not be charged for this service.

If you have any questions regarding this new protocol for recycling alkaline batteries, please contact EH&S at [inehs@lehigh.edu](mailto:inehs@lehigh.edu).

## Online Safety Training

Environmental Health & Safety requires faculty, staff and students to complete several online safety training videos and quizzes prior to working in a laboratory on campus. Those trainings include: Hazardous Waste Disposal, Lab Fire Safety, Responding to Chemical Spills in Laboratories, and Right to Know. The level of required safety training depends on the area where you work and the hazards in your work area.

Additional training in specialized areas such as biosafety and laser training may be required.

If you work in HST or Whitaker, additional trainings are required with a 100% quiz score. Please check with your PI or Facility Manager for requirements or contact Environmental Health & Safety.

Please visit the [EH&S website](#) for the online safety trainings and quizzes.