

## Are Occupational and Environmental Health Concerns on Your Radar Screen?

As a **start-up or early stage biotech, pharmaceutical or chemical company**, we are providing you with our **TOP TEN TIPS** for ensuring **regulatory compliance** in the occupational and environmental health arena.

1. Are you confident the laboratory you are about to occupy is free of any residual contamination left behind by the previous tenant? Specially, have existing laboratory work surfaces, exhausts, and shipping/receiving areas been **adequately decontaminated and/or tested**?
2. Are you confident your A/E firm has placed chemical storage areas, chemical fume hoods, biosafety cabinets, fire extinguishers, emergency showers and eyewashes in the proper locations within your facility?
3. As part of the **Permit Application to your local jurisdiction**, have you developed a **Hazardous Material Report** to address chemical quantities, chemical categories, and engineering controls, as needed?
4. If chemicals are handled in the laboratory or pilot plant, have you developed and implemented a required **Chemical Hygiene Plan**? Are your employees trained on the plan?
5. If human tissue, culture cells or blood are handled in the laboratory, have you developed and implemented a **Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan**? Are your employees trained on the **Bloodborne Pathogens Standard**?
6. Have you developed and implemented a **Hazard Communication Program** for employees who handle chemicals outside the laboratory? Are these employees trained in Hazard Communication?
7. If you **ship hazardous chemicals or radioactive materials offsite**, have your employees received **DOT and IATA training**?
8. Have you developed **material safety data sheets** for any novel compounds that will be shipped offsite?
9. If laboratory operations produce chemical, biological and/or radiological wastes, have you secured **approved waste haulers** to ensure proper disposal?
10. Do you have an employee in-house who has the experience and time to take care of all these issues?

If you answered “NO” to any of these questions, Counsel in Occupational & Environmental Health, Inc. (COEH) can help you turn that “NO” into a “YES”. **COEH will save you money and your employees will have more time to focus on your core science and business objectives.**

Our scientists worked in R&D laboratories before concentrating on health, safety and environmental issues involved in the biotech, pharmaceutical, and chemical sectors. Please visit our website: [www.coehih.com](http://www.coehih.com) for more information. Call 908-284-1001 for an **initial free consultation** or to inquire about **our reasonable consulting rates**.

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