MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Committee on Biosafety Cabinetry

FROM: Robert W. Powitz, Chairperson of the Joint Committee

DATE: March 11, 2008

SUBJECT: Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 49 (49i13r1)

Enclosed is the ballot for Draft 1 of NSF/ANSI 49 issue 13, revision 1. Please review the proposal and return your ballot by the ballot due date of April 1, 2008 via the e-balloting system.

Purpose

To add in Section 3.4.2.2 clarification language.

Background

As read, this statement suggests that all prior Type B3 cabinets are now to be referred to as Type A2. In order for this to be true the Type B3 has to be exhausted to the environment. Furthermore, Type A2 cabinets may vent back to the laboratory or exhaust to the environment.

This change was proposed to the JC at the 2007 meeting and was motioned to ballot.

Public Health Impact

None of the above issues have a public health impact.

If you have any questions about the technical content of the ballot, you may contact me in care of:

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