The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recently issued a new rule called the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard. This rule impacts all businesses that store or use chemicals, including colleges and universities. The regulation requires all facilities to immediately inventory specific “Chemicals of Interest” which could attract terrorists. The DHS has given an extraordinarily short 60-day period in which to accomplish this inventory.

The University’s program, coordinated by the Environmental Health & Safety Department (EH&S) applies to all areas within the University that possess chemicals, including but not limited to laboratories, art studios, shops, clinics, athletics and other operations that use chemicals. In order for the University to comply with this regulation, all departments must complete the following tasks by January 4, 2008:

- Review the list of 325 Chemicals of Interest, [http://ehs.wustl.edu/cfatsrule.htm](http://ehs.wustl.edu/cfatsrule.htm).
- Inventory the amounts of Chemicals of Interest present in their areas.
- Identify all personnel in “control” of those chemicals, and
- Report that inventory to EH&S by established deadlines using the tool on the EH&S web site.

**This rule applies to all departments that use or store chemicals.** In order to meet the 60-day deadline the inventory reports must be submitted to EH&S no later than January 4, 2008. The EH&S weblink, [http://ehs.wustl.edu/cfatsrule.htm](http://ehs.wustl.edu/cfatsrule.htm), provides compliance assistance information, background information on the regulation, the list of Chemicals of Interest and a reporting tool.

Business managers are responsible for submission, integrity and timeliness of their department’s inventories. The Department of Homeland Security can impose substantial civil penalties such as fines of $25,000 per day if we do not comply with this regulation. Please contact Linda Vishino, Environmental Compliance Officer, 935-7864, vishinol@wustl.edu, if you have any questions, or for more information.