

CHEMICAL SAFETY MOMENT

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June Self-inspections: AP Bio, Cannon, IEC, Otis Smith, Pearson, Penny, Rust Arena, STAR (Mod Labs, HSC, Tower)
July Self-inspections: Allen, Alison, CCM (ALL), Colburn, McDowell, Old College, Spencer, Studio Arts, Taylor, Willard

What does the new EPA ban on Methylene Chloride mean for you?

Under President Biden’s “Cancer Moonshot” initiative, the EPA has determined that methylene chloride presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health under the conditions of use.

The EPA has listed permitted use exemptions for “limited and controlled continued use in tandem with additional work protections for several purposes [...]”

“Use as a laboratory chemical” is among the list of permitted uses.



The rule goes into effect on **JULY 8, 2024.**

However, NO ACTION is required for UD labs at this time.

EHS will work with the Chemical Hygiene Committee and PIs to establish a plan for the safe use of Methylene Chloride in our laboratories.

Initial efforts will include:

- Establishing a Workplace Chemical Protection Program (WCPP) – an “SOP” for Methylene Chloride
- User education to highlight the health hazards of methylene chloride and new requirements.
- Plans for area and personnel exposure monitoring

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