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UCM DA 232

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RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER

RE: Delegation of Authority (DA) – Responsibility for Campus Radiation Safety Program

Effective immediately, as Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I delegate authority to you as campus Radiation Safety Officer responsible for the safe use of radiation and radioactive materials.

- You are responsible for managing the radiation protection program; identifying radiation protection problems; initiating, recommending, or providing corrective actions; verifying implementation of corrective actions; stopping unsafe activities; and ensuring compliance with regulations.
- You are hereby delegated the authority necessary to meet those responsibilities, including prohibiting the use of radioactive material by employees who do not meet the necessary requirements and stopping operations when justified.
- You are required to notify management of situations where staff are not cooperating and not addressing radiation safety issues. In addition, you are free to raise issues with or seek guidance from the California Department of Health Services, Radiologic Health Branch at any time.
- You are directly responsible for the radiation safety program and shall be physically present at this facility (and any other use locations listed in the Radioactive Materials License) as necessary, and no less than once a month, so as to ensure the radiation protection activities are performed as specified by the regulations of the State of California and the facility's Radioactive Materials License.

Source of Authority: [UC Merced DA 189 \(Presidential DA 0131\)](#)

This authority may not be re-delegated by you. This delegation supersedes the authority delegated in UC Merced DA 213.

Sincerely,

Dan Okoli
Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer

CC:

Director of Environmental Health & Safety, Matt Gallman

Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, Viola Kinsman

Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation, and Economic Development, Gillian Wilson

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