

Message from Administration and Finance

Since joining Farmingdale State College in September of 2013, many of you have come to know Jeff Carter, who was hired as our Environmental Health and Safety Officer. During his relatively short time here, Jeff has been instrumental in helping us come into compliance with respect to federal, State and local requirements, and in particular, with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazard Communication and Laboratory Standards. As required by law, Jeff, with the support of his newly established [Environmental Health and Safety Committee](#), developed a Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) that has been adopted by the President and Senior Staff. Jeff has also been designated our Chemical Hygiene Officer, backed by a certification he recently received through the National Registry of Certified Chemists.

This Chemical Hygiene Plan is a document designed to express the policies and procedures adopted by Farmingdale State College as they relate to the safe operation of laboratories using chemicals, with a primary objective to provide a safe laboratory workplace, and includes requirements on occupational exposures to hazardous chemicals as well.

One key aspect of the CHP is the need to conduct regular Laboratory Safety Inspections, which Jeff intends on implementing during the Fall, 2015 semester. As this is a new initiative, we trust that all those who work in laboratories here on campus will support Jeff and welcome him into your lab space(s) to facilitate this very important endeavor.

Because of the large scope of the CHP, we encourage those of you whom have a potential for chemical exposure due to the nature of your job to review it to acquaint yourselves with the policies and procedures contained therein. You may access a copy of the CHP on our website by typing "Chemical Hygiene Plan" into the search engine, or by clicking [here](#).

As we move our Environmental Health and Safety program forward, new initiatives and policies will be forthcoming and we hope you will support Jeff and the members of the Environmental Health and Safety Committee in their efforts.