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Radiation Protection Services (RPS) Newsletter Update

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Its Thanksgiving week and we all have lots to be thankful for; including no visit yet from our NYSDOH/BERP inspectors. Keep in mind that because SBU & SBUMC carry a Broad Academic and a Broad Medical Radioactive Materials License it is required by Federal law that we be inspected by the NYSDOH/BERP group at least once a year (plus or minus 25%). Lucky us!

So, RPS season 2 "waiting to be inspected continues" and I recommend that all Senior Investigators use this extra time to double check their labs and Radiation Safety Logbooks for full compliance. Word to the wise, review your October 2006 RPS Newsletter Update and be sure to contact my office at 2 -9674 in case you have any questions regarding the following items:

- i) Previous RPS lab inspection results
- ii) Compliance issues
- iii) Low Level RAM Waste
- iv) GM calibration
- v) Inventory & Security
- vi) Survey issues
- vii) Film Badge questions
- viii) Emergency Procedures
- ix) Declared Pregnant Worker (DPW) policy
- x) ALARA concerns
- xi) **No eating turkey (i.e food or drink) in the Rad Labs**

SBU is RED HOT and so are the following top 10 most often contaminated laboratory locations:

- 10) Soap/Towel Dispenser
- 9) Microwave Oven
- 8) Radio Dials (i.e. volume control)
- 7) Phones
- 6) Pens/Pencils
- 5) Chairs
- 4) Drawer Handles
- 3) Refrigerator Handles
- 2) Lab Books
- 1) Geiger Counters

Bottom line>> Stay alert and be prepared by performing and recording your End of the Day Surveys.

Coming Attraction: Your 2007 Radiation Protection Services (RPS) Compliance Calendar will be mailed out to you by 12/31/06.

Happy Thanksgiving

