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## Radiation Safety Training Update

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Head's Up: Get ready time for another NYSDOH/Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection Audit is about to end. Date of arrival for NYSDOH/BERP inspectors = **unannounced. So word to the wise >stay prepared 24/7.**

I know it just seems like a couple of months ago that we had our big get ready for the Woodard and Curran EPA RCRA compliance inspection (8/05). It seems like last month the NYSDOH/BERP inspectors were here to complete their November 2005 inspection. Time really flies here at the University and we are almost coming to an end of Season 1 (getting ready for our NYSDOH/BERP inspectors) in RPS land. Season 2 (waiting for the inspectors) will begin in late September / early October and Season 3 (being inspected) probably will take place late October/ November. Our Goal = 100 % compliance.  
**Senior Investigator Tip:** Complete the June 2006 Radiation Safety Annual refresher training & complete the RPS Lab Self Audit Inspection return to RPS - z-6200 and be sure to call the RSO at 2-9674 if you have any questions re: your radiation safety compliance program.

### NYSDOH/BERP RAM Inspection get-ready tips (top 12)

- 1) Maintain radioactive material shipment, inventory, and waste documentation: "Cradle to Grave" management
- 2) Keep records of any secondary sink disposal – send to RPS at z-6200,
- 3) Do not eat, drink, or store food in the posted Radiation Control Area
- 4) Practice Methods of Radiation Protection & Control on a daily basis: (PPE, Personnel Monitoring if required, Shielding, Area contamination surveys & End of the day surveys
- 5) Return film badges / rings by due date
- 6) Clearly mark all radiation control areas
- 7) Make sure all lab personnel are trained and authorized to work with radioactive material
- 8) All internal and external transfers of Radioactive material are to be coordinated through RPS
- 9) Secure unattended labs and all sources of radioactive material from unauthorized personnel
- 10) Document all unusual incidents
- 11) Keep your Radiation Safety Logbook up-to-date
- 12) Proper Rad Waste Management
  - 1) Fill out RAM waste cards properly