

SBVC, Science Department & other impacted personnel; please be advised that the June 16th 2016, area and personal formaldehyde air sampling results/interpretation letter has been posted to the SBCCD, Safety & Risk Management [website](#). This sampling for formaldehyde was limited to the A&P/Biology division, within the SBVC, Science department, in the Health & Life Science (HLS) building, in Rooms#207, 211, 222 & 235.

See the letter in the attached link for details on the scope of work, locations, the laboratory data and the results/findings.

There is no action required, this report has been provided for your information.

You may access the comprehensive report at this link here [SBVC-HLS-06/16/16-FormaldehydeSamplingEvent](#) under the Air Monitoring & Assessment Information tab on the left of the SBCCD, Safety & Risk Management website, which may be accessed at this link <http://sbccd.org/safetyrisk>.

What were the findings/conclusion?

- On June 16, 2016, in HLS- 207, HLS-211, HLS-222 and HLS-235; the TWA personal and area (air) samples collected during cat specimen dissection using the local exhaust ventilation system (snorkel) on “high” setting, yielded formaldehyde results below the Cal-OSHA PEL-TWA and Cal-OSHA AL.
- The short-term personal sample concentration during preparation and dissection activities was found to be below the Cal-OSHA STEL.
- The personal STEL sample in HLS-222, however, was slightly above the recommended ACGIH TLV-C. It is important to note that the ACGIH TLVs are only recommended guidelines used by industrial hygiene professionals and are not developed for use as legal standards, such as OSHA PELs.
- The exposure assessment employee participant was notified of their personal air sampling results.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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