

**SUBJECT: Chemical Security Update**

Dear Research Community:

We are contacting you to provide important information about reduced requirements for the purchase and use of nitric acid at Iowa State University (ISU). In July 2011, purchasers/users of nitric acid at ISU were informed that security requirements were being imposed to comply with Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS). Users and purchasers of nitric acid were required to complete training, submit an application, and adhere to chemical security measures.

Recently, the Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) successfully reclassified the campus with DHS, rendering the previously imposed requirement unnecessary. Effective February 28, 2013, security measures for the purchase and use of nitric acid are lifted. While this is very good news, we must keep campus quantities of DHS “chemicals of interest” (COI) below regulatory thresholds or security measures could return. If your research should ever require increased quantities of nitric acid or include the use of another COI, please contact EH&S to ensure compliance.

While compliance requirements have been eased, it is important to note that ISU must continue to meet DHS, CFATS reporting requirements. You can assist EH&S by submitting your chemical inventory annually to EH&S (<http://www.ehs.iastate.edu/laboratory/chem-inventory> ).

If you have questions please contact Ryan Wyllie, [rwyllie@iastate.edu](mailto:rwyllie@iastate.edu), 294-4092.

Thank you for your continued cooperation,

Resource:

[http://www.ehs.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/publications/miscdocs/CFATS\\_COI\\_Shortlist.pdf](http://www.ehs.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/publications/miscdocs/CFATS_COI_Shortlist.pdf)