Preparing Your Biosafety Cabinet for Maintenance/Repair

Your biosafety cabinet (BSC) has been scheduled for maintenance and/or repair. The University of Pennsylvania has a contract with Micro-Clean, Inc. to perform this type of work. Because of safety and liability issues, Micro-Clean technicians are not permitted to clean or move items inside BSC’s. Therefore, please follow the guidelines below before maintenance/repair work is initiated:

- Empty the BSC of ALL items. The cabinet must be completely cleared of any equipment, pipettes, waste, liquids, tubing, etc.

- Decontaminate the surfaces of the BSC with an appropriate disinfectant, such as a 10% bleach solution followed by 70% ethanol solution.

- If you have scheduled a specific time for the maintenance to be performed, a lab member must to be available to meet with the Micro-Clean technician.

Work will not be performed on your cabinets if the above actions have not been followed.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact a biosafety officer at the Office of Environmental Health and Radiation Safety (EHRS) or call 215-898-4453 if you have any questions or concerns.