

TO: All UAB Departments

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SUBJECT: Registration of Class 3b and 4 Lasers for the UAB Laser Program

- 1) A laser safety program is currently being developed by the Radiation Safety Division of the Department of Occupational Health & Safety. One of the requirements of this program is that all Class 3b and 4 Lasers on the UAB complex must be registered with our department. Enclosed please find a UAB Laser Registration Form for Class 3b and 4 Lasers. If your Department possesses any Class 3b or 4 Lasers, you must fill out the enclosed form for each laser, and then return the form to our office.
- 2) A laser system application form is being developed for purchases of laser systems. The laser system application form should be available for use within the next few weeks. This form must be submitted to our office for our approval prior to laser system purchases. Purchasing has agreed not to authorize the purchase of a laser system without the approval of our office. We will not have to be notified of the purchase of any separate components of a laser system.
- 3) A Laser Safety Training Course has been scheduled for November 8, 2001, in the Spain Cameron Auditorium. The content of the course has not been finalized yet; however, we are currently planning to cover basic laser physics and principles of operation, laser safety, research uses of lasers, and medical uses of lasers. Please contact our office at 934-4751 to register for this course, or if you have any questions.