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TO: Laboratory Supervisors and Staff

FROM: Dennis Edwards

RE: Prescription Safety Glasses Program

The university has teamed with a local vendor to offer a program to purchase prescription safety glasses. Enclosed please find information about the program and the procedures for using it.

The university's policy is that appropriate eye protection is required for all laboratory work. Regular prescription eyeglasses (with or without sideshields) do not meet OSHA or ANSI standards and are not appropriate protection for any laboratory work. This program was established to give eyeglass wearers a more comfortable eye protection option when working in the lab. If you wear glasses and you chose not to participate in the program, you are not relieved of your responsibility to wear appropriate eye protection over your glasses when in the laboratory.

Laboratory Supervisors have the additional responsibility of ensuring that everyone under their care wears appropriate eye protection at all times in the laboratory. You must set the example for those that you mentor, teach, or supervise.

For more information on what constitutes appropriate eye protection in the laboratory, please see our Chemical Hygiene Plan and Eye Protection Guidelines on the Environmental Health and Safety Office Homepage on @Colgate (<http://www.colgate.edu>). The homepage link is located on the Offices & Departments menu page.