## **GENERAL WRITTEN SOP – Allergens**

The OSHA Laboratory Standard explicitly requires "standard operating procedures relevant to safety and health considerations to be followed when laboratory work involves the use of hazardous chemicals." If the general SOP in this section do not fulfill this requirement, you must amend and append in some manner so as to comply.

**Special Precautions for Working with Allergens**: The term allergen describes a wide variety of substances that can produce skin and lung hypersensitivity. Examples include diazomethane, chromium, nickel bichromates, formaldehyde, isocyanates, and certain phenols. Wear suitable gloves to prevent hand contact with allergens or substances of unknown allergenic activity. Conduct aerosol producing procedures in a fume hood.