Hazard Priority and Remediation

Hazards are prioritized according to the severity of the resulting injury, potential damage, and the probability of occurrence. Imminent and serious procedures or hazards should be corrected immediately or consideration given to stopping operations.

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<th>Priority</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>EMERGENCY HAZARD</td>
<td>Emergency Hazards threaten life safety or health, property damage, and critical research.</td>
<td>Immediately</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>URGENT HAZARD</td>
<td>Urgent Hazards under the right circumstances will cause severe injury, illness, property damage, equipment damage.</td>
<td>48 hours from date requested</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>IDENTIFIED HAZARD</td>
<td>Identified hazards under the right circumstances could cause minor injuries or illnesses, property damage or equipment damage.</td>
<td>Agreed upon date.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>CODE COMPLIANCE</td>
<td>State Fire Marshal, Cal/OSHA, AQMD, CUPA citations</td>
<td>Dependent on severity. Agreed upon schedule between EH&amp;S and Plant/Facilities.</td>
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**Priority 1 – Emergency Hazards**

An Emergency Hazard is any condition or practice where there is reasonable certainty that a hazard exists that can be expected to cause death, serious physical harm to persons or property, or an environmental problem. All Priority 1 hazards must be corrected, removed from use, or modified immediately.

Those affected by the emergency hazard(s) must be notified to ensure that all necessary precautions are taken to prevent an accident.

**Examples of Priority 1 hazards include but are not limited to:**

- Interior or exterior lighting affecting entire buildings, floors, or outside areas of campus.
- Hazardous materials spill
- Trench – unprotected/without shoring
- Open/unprotected manhole
- Flooding
• Smoke odors
• Chemical odors
• Exposed electrical wiring

Priority 2 – Urgent Hazards

Urgent Hazards, under the right set of circumstances, will cause severe injury, serious illness, and property, or equipment damage. All urgent hazards shall be either corrected or modified within 48 hours unless a longer schedule has been agreed upon by EH&S and the department. All persons affected by this hazard must be notified.

Examples of Priority 2 Hazards
• Walkway tripping hazards
• Blocked exits
• Blood spills
• Defective tools, equipment, ladders
• Non-use/Improper use of personal protective equipment

Priority 3 – Potential Hazards

Identified hazards can cause minor injuries or illnesses under the right set of circumstances. These hazards will be corrected in an agreed upon schedule or modified as determined by both the EH&S Office and the department. Those affected by these hazards may be notified of existing conditions and procedures for avoiding an accident.

Examples of Priority 3 Hazards:
• Furniture obstructed hallway
• Fire extinguisher requiring servicing
• Rodent/vermin infestation

Priority 4 – Code Compliance

Code compliance corrective actions such as State Fire Marshal Correction Notices need to be corrected as soon as possible to remedy the discrepancies and report back the corrections to the appropriate authority. In some cases, some discrepancies may need to be budgeted for future correction.

Examples of Priority 4 Hazards
• State Fire Marshal Title 19 Corrections
• Cal/OSHA Citations
• Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) – City of Fullerton, Orange County Health.
• South Coast Air Quality Management District
• Regional Water Board
• Fullerton Fire Department

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