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To: UNE Research Community
RE: Alarm systems for ultra-cold (-80 freezer) units

The Office of Research and Scholarship (ORS) in collaboration with Facilities Management has recently invested in, and installed, alarm systems on all ultra-cold freezer units on UNE's Maine campuses. This investment in research laboratory infrastructure is important in protecting our research assets and facilitating the scholarly work of our faculty, students and professional staff.

The next step in this process is to gather updated contact information for users of each unit so that an effective "contact tree" can be created to support response in the event a unit is malfunctioning. We request that each unit work closely with ORS, EHS and Facilities staff who will be coordinating this ongoing process.

Additionally, future purchases of ultra-cold units will need to include appropriate alarm systems, specifically those that are compatible with existing UNE systems. ORS/EHS/Facilities will be collaborating to provide guidance on these systems for users.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

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Karen L. Houseknecht
Professor & Associate Provost

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