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# A decade later: Moving safety culture forward in the University of California

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## Where We Started

2009 – Shari Sangji died

2012 – Los Angeles County District Attorney Settlement Agreement – 4 year duration

2013 – Implementation Started

2016 – Settlement Agreement settled

*And then what?*

# A Tsunami of Compliance



## Same Leaky Boat

### UC Laboratory Safety Work Group:

- Developed initial Laboratory Safety Fundamentals training
- Created consensus inspection checklist
- Produced laboratory hazard assessment tool



# Wrangling

## On-Line Training Development

- “Checking the box”
- Actual learning?
- Expectation of additional training



# Automated Processes

- PPE/LHAT
- Inspection tool
- Inventory management – bar code and support



# SOP development

## Graduate student voice

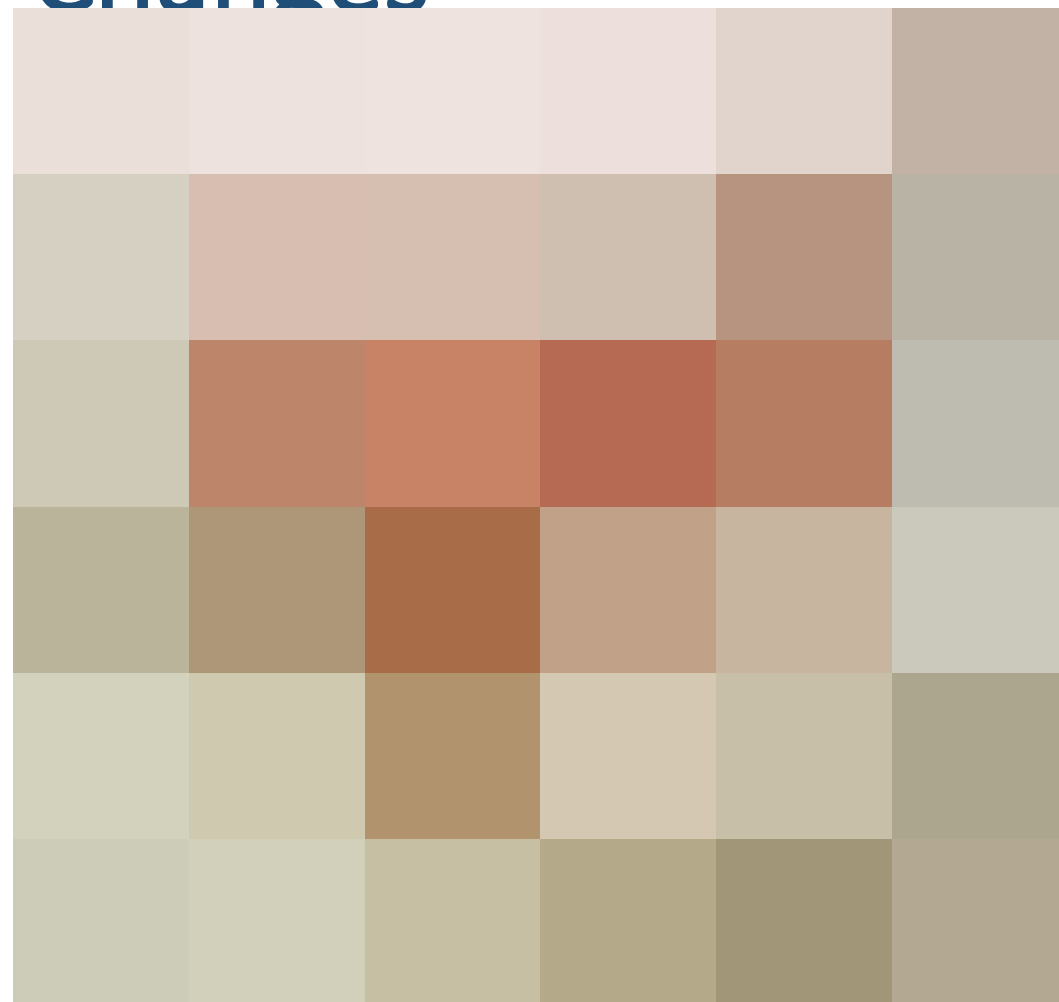
- What's useful for them?
- Include their expertise and respect their perspective



## EH&S Oversight

- UC Davis Lab Safety Professional Program
  - Embeds a safety professional in colleges and departments subject to the Lab Standard
  - Based on chemical inventory information

## Programmatic Changes





# UC Davis Campus-wide Efforts

- DiSCO is an online community of over 70 Department Safety Coordinators and Officers
- Organized informally in mid-2015, several safety coordinators and officers were inspired by the potential to help each other with new policies and programs resulting from the UCLA laboratory fatality.
- DiSCO also reaches the broader campus community with the DiSCO Monthly Update
- Mutual support, collaboration, and camaraderie are important as those who fill a safety role can feel isolated and lacking resources

## Now What?

Compliance is pretty good. But compliance doesn't necessarily equal safe.

Continue to talk about and present the RAMP concepts.

Encourage development of a useful Lessons Learned database and the use of Case Studies and videos in teaching and learning.



Questions?

