RODENT DROPPINGS CLEANUP PROCEDURE

Procedures for cleaning up rodent droppings and contaminated materials

Rodents of all types have the potential to carry infectious organisms dangerous to human health. In recent years Hantavirus infection has been associated with the exposure to feces, saliva or urine from deer mice. For this reason the following precautions should be taken when handling materials contaminated with rodent feces, saliva or urine. Outside assistance may be required in the event of gross contamination. The first step should be to address the rodent problem in the area.

Required Equipment:

- Euroclean HEPA vacuum, hose and accessories
- 10% bleach and water solution
- Cloths/rags
- Mop and bucket
- Duct tape

Personal Protective Equipment:

- Half-faced respirator fitted with P-100 HEPA cartridges
- Disposable coveralls
- Disposable gloves
- Protective goggles

Work Procedures:

1. Don personal protective equipment consisting of disposable coverall with attached booties, respirator, goggles and disposable gloves
2. Hepa vacuum any visible droppings
3. Non-porous materials that are contaminated should be wiped down or mopped with a 10% bleach solution. Any porous material that cannot be adequately cleaned (such as paper or cardboard) and that is visibly contaminated should be disposed (see #5)
4. Any reusable items (hose attachments, etc…) that have come in contact with feces, saliva or urine should be wiped down with the 10% bleach and water solution
5. Any contaminated waste must be sealed into 2X poly bags for disposal. The properly packaged waste may then be disposed of as regular trash
6. Upon exiting the work area:
   a.) Doff disposable coverall and gloves and place into sealed poly bag for disposal
   b.) Remove respirator and seal cartridges with duct tape for reuse or disposal
7. Following good hygiene practices, thoroughly wash hands and face