Working with Dry Ice

- Never handle dry ice with bare hands. Always wear gloves designed for very cold temperatures and safety goggles.

- If dry ice spills on counters, floors, or other surfaces, don protective gloves before handling. If the dry ice is unusable, then dispose of it properly.

- Do not eat dry ice.

Storage of Dry Ice

- Store dry ice in a container that allows for the release of gas, such as a vented cooler or Styrofoam cooler.

- DO NOT store dry ice in a tightly sealed container. As dry ice changes from its frozen state to a gaseous state, it may cause an airtight container to expand and potentially explode.

- Keep dry ice in a well-ventilated room. Carbon dioxide can replace oxygen in closed spaces, creating an oxygen-deficient environment. This can result in suffocation.

Disposing of Dry Ice

- Do not put dry ice down a sink drain or toilet or into the trash.

- Dispose of dry ice in an open container in a well-ventilated room to sublimate.

Refer to a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for more information, including first aid and accidental release measures. Consult with your Occupational Health and Safety Office for further guidance.