Ultraviolet (UV) Lamps

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Effective July 1, 2002 the University of Michigan no longer supports the use of ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UVGI) in general-purpose biological safety cabinets (BSC). The goals of this two-part initiative are: (1) to increase awareness of the inherent limitations of UVGI, and (2) to support the Mercury Reduction Initiative set forth by Administration in September 2001. UVGI lends little to product sterility or personal safety in research settings and has caused numerous hazardous exposures to employees while creating an expensive hazardous waste disposal problem.