

## University of North Dakota Form 205a

### Decontamination Statement

Instructions on the bottom of this certificate must be completed before service or transfer of this item/area.

Piece of Equipment/Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial #/Room #: \_\_\_\_\_ Building: \_\_\_\_\_

Contaminant(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Decontaminated: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Decontamination Method Used: \_\_\_\_\_

If not decontaminated, how will personnel be protected? \_\_\_\_\_

**The equipment/area listed above has been decontaminated,  
or protection provided as described above.**

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach the completed certificate to the item/area decontaminated, and forward a copy to  
Safety and Environmental Health, FAX 777-4132/Box 9031.

### Instructions

Instruments, equipment or work areas must be certified as being free from potentially hazardous contamination prior to maintenance or repair by untrained, unprotected personnel or appropriate safeguards must be established and communicated to those involved with the operation. The means to protect personnel must be included on the certification form when decontamination is not reasonably possible. A decontamination form 205a must be included with all surplus containers and equipment whenever hazardous material contamination was a factor.

- The item/area to be serviced must be cleaned of all visible residue and encrusted material whenever reasonably possible.
- Where there is the potential for hazardous non-visible chemical contamination, it may be necessary to use pH test strips, peroxide test strips or other indicating mechanism to verify that no contamination is present.
- For items used with radioactive materials, no radioactivity must be detected with survey equipment or swipe tests.
- Where infectious materials were used, disinfect all surfaces with an effective disinfectant.
- Remove or deface all hazard warning labels or signs once hazards have been successfully removed by decontamination. Remove gross contamination and maintain appropriate hazard warnings when decontamination is not reasonably possible. The word "residue" may be added to indicate that only residue remains.
- A Decontamination Statement (Form 205a - copy attached) must be completed and attached to the item/area. Forward a copy to Safety and Environmental Health.
- If service is requested and initiated on an item/area and it appears that decontamination or other measures are not adequate to protect involved persons, the requestor will be contacted to rectify the remaining hazard(s). Costs associated with decontamination or other protective action will be the responsibility of the requestor.

Note: Adequate protection may be provided by decontaminating only the part of an item needing service or by packaging items so that persons handling the equipment will not come into contact with contamination. A Decontamination Statement form must still be completed and posted, and a copy must be forwarded to Safety and Environmental Health when such protective measures are used.

- Items that have been in contact with hazardous chemicals, radioactive substances or infectious materials and are intended for sale as surplus property must be decontaminated and a Decontamination Statement form must be attached to the item(s). A copy of the Decontamination Statement must be forwarded to Safety and Environmental Health before the equipment is moved. Items that cannot be decontaminated must be disposed of in a proper manner.

Exception: Items of high surplus value that cannot be decontaminated may be sold under certain conditions. An example of such an item would be the sale of laboratory equipment to another laboratory. Contact Safety and Environmental Health for evaluation of such issues on an individual basis.