

Ban of Future Purchase and Use of Self-Luminous Exit Signs

Effective immediately, University policy prohibits the future purchase or use of self-luminous exit signs. For recognition purposes, these signs require no electrical connection to operate, and the word "EXIT" is a translucent, greenish-white color with a red background. Only a relatively small number of these signs have been installed in campus buildings. Note: signs that have red "EXIT" letters are electrically powered ones in the near future. Do **not** dispose of the self-luminous signs in the trash. Call EH & S at 486-3613 for a pickup.

The self-luminous signs have radioactive material safely contained within a sealed tube. This material interacts with a special coating on the interior of the tube walls, which allows the word "EXIT" to be seen in a darkened room as a soft greenish glow. These signs are regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) under a General License provision. Currently, this General License allows any individual working at an institution to purchase a sign without making any notifications. When signs are discovered to be missing or found severely damaged, UConn must submit a report to the NRC. Due to strict NRC inventory and notification rules, the University has decided to cease using these signs.

Please contact June Tamkin, Radiation Safety Manager, at 486-1108 if you have any questions or for further guidance.