

## **Nanaline Duke Lab Fire – Murphy’s Law or Haunted Building**

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### **Abstract Text**

On September 11, 2006 while the sprinkler system was down for maintenance, a strip power cord in a Biochemistry research laboratory in the Nanaline Duke Building overloaded and caught on fire. The fire destroyed a quarter of the laboratory including a chemical storage area. OESO personnel were present on-site and surveying the damage to the laboratory within an hour of the call being received. Remediating the aftermath of the fire was complicated by the lack of a chemical inventory and conflicting goals (ie. disaster cleanup vs laboratory access). The following three weeks were a lesson in emergency remediation, project management, and interaction with the affected Principal Investigators and their respective departments. In this presentation, we will discuss the problems encountered when laboratories lack a chemical inventory and management wants the fire damage removed and the area cleaned within a month.

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