The laboratory ventilation certification program has been in effect for over 25 years. This program provides services such as biosafety cabinet certification, class 100 clean air work station certification, fume hood certification, and repair services for all the various types of lab equipment designed to protect personnel, product, and the environment. The certification services are designed to meet or exceed the current regulatory requirements pertaining to the equipment. In addition, our staff is also equipped to handle consultations. These consultations may include; but are not limited to, possible contamination issues or the type equipment which may be needed for any given work which is planned.

These services are provided through a Service Center within the Department of Occupational Health and Safety, which means that the staff is self-supported and costs incurred pay for the expenses in order to provide the service. Fees are collected for biosafety cabinet and class 100 clean air work station certifications. Filter changes, decontaminations, and repair work is billed, but at a greatly reduced rate than companies external to UAB. Fume hood certifications and consultations are complimentary.

This program has not increased the price for services since 2002 in spite of the fact that operating costs have increased dramatically. In order to maintain the current level of service it is necessary for a price increase to be implemented. Beginning October 1, 2011, charges for paraformaldehyde decontaminations and filter changes will increase from $80.00 to $100.00. Class 100 clean air workstation certification costs will increase from $130.00 to $150.00 and biological safety cabinet certifications will increase from $160.00 to $200.00. This is still well below the national average of $285.00 for BSC certification charges.

We can assure you that you will still receive the same exemplary service as in the past. If you have any questions please feel free to call our office at 934-9181 or you can e-mail Kyle Boyett at kboyett@uab.edu.