Do You Know What Kind of “Hood” You Have?

Many people in labs have what they refer to as hoods but do you really know what the capability of the hood is or is it really a “hood”. A hood by definition is a ventilated piece of equipment that is exhausted to the outside. Obviously not all ventilated equipment is exhausted so therefore they are not all hoods. So why is all this important? When you have trouble with your equipment and you need service, it expedites the service request to know whom OH&S should dispatch to your lab.

OH&S has made it easy by using a simple color-coding system to help identify the various pieces of equipment. When you contact someone from OH&S and need service on a piece of equipment have the color of the certification sticker available. The graphic below will help identify the equipment:

Biosafety Cabinets
found in most labs for product, environmental, and personnel protection (orange)

Double Sided HEPA Filtered Cage Changing Station
(only found in ARP areas (green))

Class 100 Clean Air Work Bench
for product protection ONLY (light blue)

Chemical or Radioisotope Fume Hood (yellow)