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FROM: John Weaver, Ira Young
TO: BNC Chemical Glove Users
SUBJECT: Chemical Gloves for use in the BNC

Ira Young did a study of chemical gloves that met the criteria for use in the BNC. Using volunteers and his personal observations, he was able to evaluate three types of gloves that could be suitable for use in the facility.

Thank you to all those who participated in the test. We value your inputs and your willingness to help us improve the operation of the facility. The results of that test are as follows:

First, there was no clear winner. Preferences were divided between the current glove, the SafeSkin glove, and the AK North glove. Each glove had advantages and disadvantages.

SafeSkin:

- Good dexterity
- Difficult to put on over the nitrile cleanroom glove
- Would not come off without pulling first glove off
- Must be used as a one-time-use glove

Result: Rejected

AK North:

- Easy to put on and take off
- Good dexterity dry
- Loses gripping ability when wet (small dimples) creating safety issue

Result: Rejected

Ansell Edmont (current):

- Easy to put on and take off
- Reasonable dexterity
- Good gripping capability wet or dry

Result: Accepted – we will stay with this glove at this time

Please note that we will continue to search for a glove that is more suitable for our use. At this time, however, no other gloves with the requisite chemical resistance and cleanliness have been found.

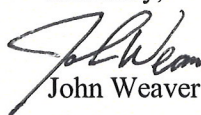
Important Note: When using these gloves, please inspect the glove before use. Discard any glove that you do not feel comfortable in using, and replace the gloves with a new pair.

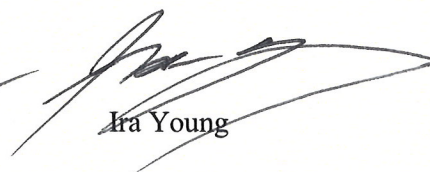
For cleanroom users, Ira ensures that there are no gloves in the cleanroom that are more than one week old. He goes through the cleanroom on Mondays removing any gloves with a mark inside the cuff. He then places an ink mark in the gloves without a mark so that they will be removed the following Monday.

Please contact Ira regarding any questions about the gloves or the evaluation.

Thank you in advance for helping make the BNC a safe and productive facility.

Sincerely,


John Weaver


Ira Young