Celebration of the Department of Environment, Health & Safety
30 Year Anniversary – 1974 to 2004
“30 Years of EHS Service”

- Under the Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Services: Carolyn Elfland
- And Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration: Nancy Suttenfield
- Health & Safety Office Director: Dr. Don Willhoit (1974-2000)
- Environment, Health and Safety Director: Pete Reinhardt (2000-present)

Our Mission, in brief: To make UNC-Chapel Hill a safe place for students, faculty, staff, visitors and our neighbors.

The Health and Safety Office was founded in 1974 to help UNC comply with the new OSHA law.
- Instead of a minimal response, then Assistant Vice Chancellor John Temple, envisioned a comprehensive Office that brought together many campus safety responsibilities to deal with the increasing health and safety issues on campus.

What we do: EHS has seen considerable expansion of its responsibilities over three decades, from asbestos abatement to workers’ compensation.
- Many EHS staff are dedicated to support of UNC’s laboratories, so that researchers use chemicals, infectious agents and radioactive materials safely and in compliance with state and federal laws.
- EHS now has over 40 staff in addition to the closely-associated University Employee Occupational Health Clinic and information system support staff.
- Recently responded to campus needs in emergency preparedness and SARS case on campus.

UNC-Chapel Hill EHS is recognized within the state and nationally:
- Recipient of Governor’s Award for Excellence in Low Level Waste Management.
- And recent recipient of Award of Distinction for its Health and Safety Information System by the Campus Safety, Health and Environmental Management Association.
- Department staff have been invited expert speakers at numerous national conferences on the topics of health physics, stormwater management, laboratory hoods, emergency response, indoor air quality and biosafety committees.
- Staff have recently published in the areas of environmental compliance, biological safety, and research compliance.