Chemistry Laboratory Policy on Pregnancy
November 9, 1999

The policy was approved on November 9, 1999 and will be incorporated into the "Safety Practices in the Chemistry Laboratory" Handout.

A. Although precautions are taken to minimize exposure to hazardous substances, some exposure is unavoidable. If you are pregnant or become pregnant during this course, you should take this course at a later time (dropping, if necessary). Any student who is pregnant during this course will be required to abide by the following rules in addition to the general lab rules:

1. The student must discuss with a physician the possible consequences to the fetus of participating in Chemistry Lab and provide evidence of this.

2. A statement of informed consent must be signed by the pregnant student and filed with the Department of Chemistry.

3. An approved respirator must be obtained and worn at all times during lab.

4. Gloves must be worn at all times during lab.

B. Statement of Informed Consent

I have been informed there may be risks to my unborn child by being in the Chemistry Lab during my pregnancy. I have decided to take this class at this time against the advice of the Department of Chemistry, AASU and I agree to abide by the rules set forth in the "Safety Practices in the Chemistry Laboratory" pertaining to pregnant women. I accept responsibility for this decision.

Signed

Dated

C. Signs will be made up with the following statement and posted in and around the Chemistry Lab:

WARNING: Chemicals present in this lab may cause birth defects.