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General Comment

My name is Christina Schappe and as well as being an employee at the Museum of Art and Archeology I am also a student at the University of Missouri. The following comments represent my own personal thoughts and feelings concerning the current issue of radiation at the museum and the solution be requested by the University. I am in my third year of study at the University and thus far I have excelled in my academic career. In order to exceed in a University setting is no easy task and I have done it only through the exercise of responsibility, accountability and respect. It is because of my academic experience at this University that I am now so shocked that I am not seeing those same characteristics that I have been taught from my superiors, reflected in their actions. To think I am conducting the grand majority of my life at an institution who is so clearly not valuing the same characteristics it teaches to its students as the keys to success, and indeed which are, is disillusioning to say the least. Working at the Museum of Art and Archeology has been an incredible experience and immeasurably valuable to my life. When I began working here I was informed about the radiation, however there was no educational component involved I was simply told it existed. Today, when I returned to work after a short summer break I was informed that I was to become classified as a radiation worker. Not asked, told. I was then informed that the University's idea of "dealing" with this radiation problem was to ask permission to indefinitely deal with the radiation without a deadline. In my eyes this is the "easy way out", the way to avoid responsibility and accountability; not to mention it reflects absolutely no respect for the people who work in this building and contribute to this school and the public. *CONT....in attachment*

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It is personally insulting to me that now when a problem has arisen the University itself wants to try to push the problem under the rug by making an unreasonable request and showing no effort to deal with the problem. As I mentioned before I work incredibly hard at this school and I am very dismayed that the University is not showing the same values that they preach.

I have been working at the museum for over a year and to say that I care about my co workers would be an understatement. Although I may only be here for two more years I still care very much about the future of this museum and I am deeply concerned that it is not getting the credit that it deserves for its contribution to this campus; indeed this issue itself makes that very clear. This museum has made a great difference in my life already and I know that is has in many others. Its employees deserve respect, safety, and a healthy place to work. They are not receiving any of this.

There are many other components to this problem that could be addressed; however to me it is a simple question of accountability and respect. The proper course of action in my opinion would be for the NRC and the University to compromise and come up with a reasonable deadline for transferring and cleaning. With all that I hear as a student about the priorities of this school being respect, responsibility, excellence, and discovery I expect nothing less than this to be shown by the University's leaders.