BARBECUES AND OPEN BURNING

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Established to protect the health and safety of the campus community, this policy governs academic and staff employees, contractors, students, registered student organizations, and all other individuals and groups on University property.

II. DEFINITIONS (for the purpose of this policy)

Barbecues: An event at which individuals eat food cooked outside on an approved outdoor LP-gas or charcoal-burning open flame cooking apparatus.

Open Burning: Includes, but is not limited to, 1) setting materials on fire outside within an enclosure, causing combustible products to emit directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney (for example, in a barbecue grill or barbecue pit, an outdoor fireplace or pit); 2) an outdoor fire used for pleasure, recreation, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purpose; 3) burning brush or rubbish outside; 4) open flame(s) in a theatrical production (for example, candles or torches).

University Property: all property and facilities owned or managed by The Regents of the University of California on behalf of the Santa Barbara campus.

III. POLICY

A. Barbecues and open burning are not permitted on University property unless specifically authorized in a written permit by the UCSB Fire Marshal or designee, prior to the event. Approved permits must be displayed or made available upon request at the barbecue or open burning event.

B. Sanctions for violations of this policy or the terms of a permit shall be administered in accordance with due processes, law, and University policies. Sanctions may include citation, fines, and/or disciplinary action.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. To request a barbecue or open burning permit, call Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) or visit the EH&S Web site at <http://www.ehs.ucsb.edu/units/fire/firersc/fsguidelines.html>. Complete the permit application and send it to:

Permits – Attention Joe Harkins
Environmental Health and Safety, Mail Code 5132 or joe.harkins@ehs.ucsb.edu
B. The Fire Marshal or designee: 1) reviews the request; 2) informs the requestor that a permit is approved or denied; 3) issues a permit when a request is approved, and notifies appropriate University officials.

C. The event host ensures the approved permit is displayed at the event or made available if requested by a University official and is responsible for his/her guests complying with the terms of the permit.

V. RELATED RESOURCES

California Fire Code, Chapter 3, sections 305, 307 and 308. Also, Appendix Chapter 1. sections 104 and 105.

California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Public Safety, Division 1, State Fire Marshal Conduct of Non-Affiliates