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# INDUSTRY MATTERS

## Information, insights, and advice for ACS industry members

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*In this week's issue, Frankie Wood-Black addresses an issue that many of us probably don't think about very much: Take-home exposure risks from working in the lab, and the steps you can take to minimize that risk.*

*Harry Elston shares his overall safety grades for industry, academia and government labs, and provides advice for those thinking about joining the entrepreneur class.*

*Our Career Consultants share some thoughts about how to remain relevant in an increasingly digitized workplace. Finally, you may have heard the term "Managing Up." In our LinkedIn Learning summary, understand what the term means, and more importantly, how to effectively 'manage up'.*

*While this is our last 'regular' issue for the year, do watch your in-box next Thursday, December 26, for a special issue which will feature the top 10 most read articles from ACS Industry Matters this year.*

*In the meantime, Happy Holidays to all, and best wishes as we start a new decade.*

John C. Katz  
Executive Editor

### WHAT I LEARNED

**"What's the best career decision you ever made? What prompted it? What would have happened had you not made it?"**



**Harry Elston**  
Ph.D., CIH, PMP

"Without a doubt, the best career decision I made was to leave the Navy at the end of 1988. I was definitely on an "upward trajectory" in my naval career, but I saw a future that was..." [Read More](#)

## CAREER CORNER

"How do I stay relevant in an increasingly digitized workplace?"

**Natalie LaFranzo**, Vice President - Market Development, Cofactor Genomics:

*"Importantly, be open to digital communication. Applications such as Skype and Slack are what keep employees and customers connected..."*

**Andrea Alexander**, Technical Service and Development Manager, Shin-Etsu Silicones of America:

*"The best advice I ever received from a mentor is 'NEVER stop learning, because when you get comfortable, that's when the world passes you by.' She was decades..."*

**Norton Peet**, ACS Career Consultant:

*"Stay relevant by taking coursework that is specifically designed to keep you current with skills in a digitized workplace. Make certain..."*

## ON THE SAFE SIDE

**Taking it Everywhere You Go**

"If you are a mystery buff, you are likely to be familiar with Locard's Exchange Principle. The principle states that the perpetrator of a crime will bring something into the crime scene and leave with something from it. It is a valuable principle not just in the area of forensics..." [Read More](#)



**Frankie Wood-Black**  
Safety Expert

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### What you most need to know from an industry-connected LinkedIn Learning Course. Today's course: **Managing Up**

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