

29 May 2007

Birck Nanotechnology Center Smoking Policy

Purdue University has a nonsmoking policy in all buildings and within 30 feet of the building exteriors. The Birck Nanotechnology Center observes those restrictions, and for building contamination control and safety reasons has additional areas that go beyond those distance requirements. To counterbalance these requirements, two seating areas have been created outside of this perimeter to accommodate smokers. Butt containers have been provided at various points along the perimeter and at these seating areas. Use of these containers is greatly appreciated, and assists us in maintaining the neat, professional appearance of the building. It is especially important that these containers be used, as the mulch surrounding the building is combustible – we have already had one small fire that resulted from the careless disposal of a cigarette in the mulch!

The seating area northwest of the main building entrance, across the double sidewalk, is available to smokers, as is the picnic table area southeast of the building. All areas south of the double sidewalk – including the two seating areas near the front doors – are nonsmoking. Additionally, the entire area between the Birck Nanotechnology Center and the Bindley Bioscience Center – including the seating area – is nonsmoking. To the west of the BNC, the sidewalk defines the 30-foot limit as far south as the extension of Marshall Drive. South of Marshall Drive, the nonsmoking area extends an additional 50 feet west in the vicinity of the South Yard (the area enclosed by the black fence) where ultra-high-purity gases are delivered and dispensed. South of the building the white-colored concrete defines the nonsmoking areas in the vicinity of the chemical dock and the receiving dock.

The following map shows the nonsmoking areas surrounding the Birck Nanotechnology Center with a red crosshatch pattern. Currently there are several signs indicating smoking and nonsmoking areas, and additional signs have been ordered. Please observe the smoking restrictions indicated on this map and inform others of these restrictions. Together we can ensure a safe and contamination-free facility in which to perform our research. Your assistance in this is greatly appreciated by all BNC stakeholders.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

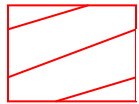
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John".

John Weaver
Facility Manager

State Street



Seating available to smokers



Smoke-free zone

