2.10 Laboratory Machine Hazard Categories

Appendix A is a table of laboratory machine hazard categories ranked on a scale of 1 to 5. Level 1 represents machines with the lowest operator risk, while level 5 represents machines posing the greatest operator risk. The classification system identifies common machine types within each hazard category, and identifies general training requirements, access limitations, and operator supervision requirements. The hazard level of any laboratory is set by the highest risk piece of machinery contained within that laboratory. The table in Appendix A is not intended to be an all-encompassing representation of hazardous machines found in the laboratory. Therefore, it is up to individual laboratory PI's and Staff to impose more stringent safety requirements as dictated by the hazards within a particular laboratory.