

**Subject:** Liquid Nitrogen, Dry Ice and Ethanol Ordering  
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TO: Faculty & Staff Ordering Lab Supplies

FROM: Chemical Purchasing Workgroup

RE: Liquid Nitrogen, Dry Ice and Ethanol Ordering

Beginning July 12, liquid nitrogen, dry ice and ethanol orders will be filled by external vendors directly, rather than through UGA's Central Research Stores (CRS) as an intermediary. UGA has negotiated prices for these supplies that are comparable or better than current CRS prices, and they can be ordered directly in UGAmart. [This webpage](#) includes additional information about ordering scientific supplies at the best prices.

The change follows feedback and preferences provided by CRS customers in a recent survey. Most faculty and staff already order liquid nitrogen from external vendors instead of through CRS. In addition to providing better prices, this change will allow teams from the Office of Research and Finance & Administration to combine chemical receiving and barcoding into a single operation, providing faster and better service for faculty and staff ordering lab supplies and chemicals.

**Q: Can I still create blanket POs for liquid nitrogen and dry ice?**

A: Yes, blanket POs can be established with Airgas rather than CRS. Details on the process to establish blanket POs with Airgas are included on [this webpage](#).

**Q: Airgas' standard delivery is two days. What about short-notice orders?**

A: The Chemistry Stockroom will maintain a modest stock of liquid nitrogen for walk-in or emergency refills. The stockroom will also carry 190- and 200-proof cubitainers of ethanol. Finally, dry ice will be available for purchase by the pound at both the Coverdell and Chemistry stockrooms.

We appreciate your partnership as we work to improve chemical purchasing, barcoding, and delivery services for research and instruction. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shawn Hill at [shawnh@uga.edu](mailto:shawnh@uga.edu).