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This message is directed to purchasers and users of liquid nitrogen.

Hello,

This is to update you on the liquid nitrogen shortage we first reported in mid-December.

The primary cause of the limits in liquid nitrogen, a mechanical disruption at a local plant, has been resolved and as of 01/05/22, supply is returning to near-normal levels. Both Linde and Airgas report they are rebuilding inventory of liquid nitrogen. The suppliers are cautiously optimistic they can meet all critical needs in the near future.

However, conservation of liquid nitrogen continues to be very important. Suppliers note availability is variable and is expected at less than 100% of normal, due to high hospital use of nitrogen for patient care; limited driver resources; dewar shortages; and, the high rate of COVID infection among staff requiring isolation and quarantine. These challenges will be continuously evaluated, with the hope for resuming normal business over the coming weeks.

You can help by making deliveries as easy as possible. Keep loading zones clear for delivery trucks, be present for deliveries for timely turnaround, and make empty dewars available for return.

Thank you for your patience as the priority remains patient care and worker safety. Please reach out to your supplier or strategicsourcing@ucdavis.edu if you are experiencing a liquid nitrogen emergency. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available.

Thank you,
Crystal O'Hara on behalf of Strategic Sourcing

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