FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**What is My Green Lab?**

*My Green Lab (MGL) is a California-based, 501c3 nonprofit committed to creating a culture of sustainability through science. In addition to motivating behavioral changes in and around the lab and emphasizing ease of improving with measurable results, they are also leading data-driven research into resource consumption to help set quantitative and qualitative standards against which future sustainability efforts will be measured.*

**Why are we pursuing My Green Lab certification?**

*Getting a MGL certification is one way we can identify our strengths and identify ways to improve our sustainability so that we can continue to advance science while minimizing our impact on the environment.*

**What is the certification process?**

Certification begins with you and your colleagues completing the initial online assessment at a time that works for you or during one of the advertised “Complete & Eat” events. The assessment determines your lab’s baseline sustainable actions and identifies areas of improvement through behavioral changes. Following the assessment, the results will be shared and improvement plans will be developed and implemented over a 4-8 month period. The assessment will be conducted again to track improvement anda MGL certification level will be awarded to your lab..

**Are we the only site at [company/university] participating in the My Green Lab assessment and certification program?**

*Answer*

**How long will it take me to complete the survey?**

*The survey generally takes 30-45 minutes to complete. Please take time to answer each questions as honestly and thoughtfully as possible! Your comments and concerns will determine the improvement plan.*

**Can I complete the survey if I don’t have a laptop to bring to the “Complete & Eat” event?**

*Yes! We will have a few laptops available for those who don’t have one with them. Please don’t let that keep you from participating!*

**What happens if I don’t know the answer(s) to the assessment questions?**

*Just do your best to answer what you can. There will be options for “not applicable” and “don’t know” within the survey questions – these options are just as important for My Green Lab to understand what your lab can and cannot do.*

**I won’t be able to attend one of the “Complete & Eat ” events. Can I complete the survey on my own time?**

*Absolutely! You may click the link to the survey found in your launch email at any time to complete the survey.*

**When will we get the results?**

*Results are typically delivered to your site lead about 2.5 weeks after the survey closes.*

**Who should I contact if I have questions about My Green Lab at my site?**

 *Reach out to [name], leader of our site’s [program name] Green Lab effort.*