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Subject: Lab Inspection and Hazardous Chemical Check Boxes

Should I mark the chemical boxes? Might the lab need inspecting?

If a substance might present a hazard to an employee, OSHA requires that it have an MSDS sheet.
If substances that have MSDS sheets are used in the lab, then the lab needs to be registered. If the sponsored work is done in a lab that needs to be registered, that should be marked on the routing sheet, ORIA Reviews, Part K.
If the lab needs to be registered, then there should be at least a first pass at an inventory, training, plans for disposal etc. In that case, the researcher would (should) know if there are chemical hazards or waste hazards.