oit **Office of Information Technologies/UMass Amherst**

## Notice of Copyright Violation Form

Your network connection was turned off because the University has received information from the agent of a copyright holder that a machine registered by you on the University network was illegally distributing copyrighted materials.

Use and distribution of illegal copies of copyrighted material is a violation of University trustee policies, the OIT Acceptable Use Policy, and the Conditions of Use, which you agreed to when you connected your computer to the University network. The unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials constitutes copyright infringement under the Copyright Act, Title 17 United States Code Section 106(3). Under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, Title 17 United States Code Section 512 the University is REQUIRED to immediately disable access to the material and request that you immediately cease distribution of any copyrighted materials.

This is a SERIOUS MATTER that could potentially have legal consequences. If you are violating copyright laws you may become the target of a lawsuit. Often, the copyright holders accusing you will offer a settlement option before actually proceeding with legal action. University community members may be made targets for these lawsuits.

In order to be reconnected, you must agree not to use any Peer-To-Peer (P2P) file-sharing applications to distribute illegal copies of copyrighted materials. These include programs such as: Gnutella, KaZaA, iMesh, Fastrack, Morpheus, BitTorrent, etc. We also strongly suggest that you remove any illegal copies of programs, movies or music from your computer.

Receipt of this form serves as confirmation that you have been notified of these violations. Continued or future violations will be investigated and pursued with diligence, and may result in termination of network access for the semester. Notice of repeat violations will be provided to the Dean of Students' Office.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE RECEIVED NOTICE OF A COPYRIGHT VIOLATION:**

Full Name:_____

SPIRE ID:_____ _____

Signature:_____ ___

Date Signed:_____ _____

**To reconnect to the Internet, bring this signed acknowledgement form to the OIT Help Desk (A109 LGRC). Your connection will be turned back on by the end of the next full business day.**

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*(For OIT Help Desk staff member to complete)*

Help Desk Staff Member: _____ Date Processed: _____