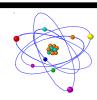


LABORATORY SAFETY FACT SHEET #6 CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL



REGULATIONS

Hazardous waste regulations are stringent and penalties for violations can be severe.
 Santa Barbara County inspects UCSB labs for compliance on a regular basis.

STORAGE

- Store chemical waste in a designated area.
 Label area as, "HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE AREA"
- Store chemicals in containers compatible with, and durable enough for, the waste. Liquid waste must be in screw top containers. Do not overfill container, allow for expansion.
- Gas cylinders and lecture bottles must have regulators removed.

LABELING

- Identify waste by proper chemical name (no abbreviations or chemical structures).
 List chemical names of hazardous components in that mixture by percent weight.
- Deface existing labels when reusing containers.
- Label and date container(s) when the first drop of waste is added. Hazardous waste shall be disposed within 9 months of start date.
- Use UCSB HAZARDOUS WASTE label on all hazardous waste containers. All portions of the label must be completed.
 Labels are available for free in all science storerooms.

SEGREGATION: group waste into the following categories:

- halogenated organics (dichloromethane, chloroform)
- non-halogenated organics (acetone, methanol, ethanol, xylene)
- acids with pH 2 or less (HCL, sulfuric acid)
- alkaline solutions of pH 12.5 or greater (sodium hydroxide)
- alkali metals and other water reactives (sodium, acetyl chloride)
- heavy metal solutions and salts (*mercury, silver, zinc*)
- strong oxidizers (nitric acid, chlorates, permanganates)
- peroxide-forming chemicals (dioxane, THF)
- cyanides (potassium cyanide, hydrogen cyanide)
- chemical carcinogens (acrylonitrile, inorganic arsenic)
- · unstable chemicals
- other toxic chemicals

DISPOSAL

- Chemicals may not be disposed in regular trash, sink disposal, or allowed to evaporate.
- Complete a UCSB Waste Pick-up Request Form. Send either by campus mail or fax (X7259).
 Also available on EH&S website http://ehs.ucsb.edu for electronic submission.
 - EH&S cannot accept responsibility for improperly labeled, packaged, and/or segregated chemicals, and will not pick them up.
 - Transfering waste into appropriate containers is the generators responsibility.
 - Waste containers become the property of EH&S and will not be returned.
 - Before working with hazardous material attend EH&S Lab Safety course, call X4899 for next available training date.

CHEMICAL SPILL

Clean up a spill if you have the proper equipment and feel comfortable doing so.
 Otherwise, contact EH&S 24-hour line X3194.

Further information contact EH&S Hazardous Waste Program X3293



