

Cal State L.A. CHEMICAL & SAFETY BULLETIN



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PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE WITHIN LABS

This bulletin is being distributed to explain the proper disposal of contaminated debris classified as hazardous waste within the labs. The CSULA Chemical Hygiene Plan addresses this particular issue. Section 7.18 CSULA Chemical Hygiene Plan states...

7.18. Hazardous Waste – For guidelines on the accumulation and disposal of hazardous wastes from laboratory operations, refer to the CSULA Hazardous Waste Management Plan. Any questions about hazardous waste should be directed to the EHS Office at extension 3-3546.

7.18.1. Accumulation – Store laboratory chemical wastes in closed, labeled containers in a designated satellite accumulation area.

7.18.2. Disposal – Do not put chemical waste materials down the sink or in the trash.

7.18.3. Waste Minimization – Implement measures to limit and reduce the volume and toxicity of laboratory hazardous waste whenever possible.

Here at Cal State L.A. we are committed to ensuring safety of both staff and students working in laboratories. As a means to prevent incidents that occur due to improper disposal of hazardous waste, Principal Investigators are required to ensure that lab employees and students dispose of hazardous waste by taking the following steps;

- ✓ **LAB SAFETY TRAINING IS ATTENDED BY ALL STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES WORKING IN LABS;**
- ✓ **HAZARDOUS WASTE IS DISPOSED OF IN THE APPROPRIATE WASTE BAGS AND WASTE CONTAINERS; and**



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- ✓ **THAT EMPLOYEES ARE KNOWLEDGABLE OF THE PROPER NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES IN REGARDS TO HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL.**

The EHS Office will be conducting periodic inspections to ensure compliance with hazardous waste disposal. You may contact Tanyi Obenson (3-3546) or Kevin Brady (3-3527) for assistance.