



University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center

Environmental Health and Safety Department

Compliance Note

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Chemical Waste Training

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Hazardous Chemical Waste Training

Hazardous waste generator training, annual refresher training, and hazardous materials On-the-Job training is required of all employees who handle chemical waste.

Regulation: Colorado Hazardous Waste Regulations 6 CCR 1007-3, part 262.34 (c)(1)(iii), part 265.16

Policy: At the UCDHSC laboratories generating chemical waste must assure that all employees who handle hazardous chemical waste successfully complete a program of instruction and on-the-job training that teaches them to properly manage their chemical waste containers in a way that ensures the university's compliance with the hazardous waste laws in order to protect human health and the environment.

Recommendation: New employees who handle hazardous chemical waste must complete the training requirement within six months of being hired by completing the online Hazardous Waste Generator training. New employees must be under the direct supervision of a properly trained employee whenever they handle hazardous chemical wastes until they have successfully completed the training. Principal investigators are responsible for providing their researchers adequate on-the-job training for managing chemical wastes in the laboratory (you can obtain a copy of the hazardous waste OJT form from our webpage). Employees who manage personnel who handle chemical waste must also have Hazardous Waste Generator and Annual Refresher training. Remind existing employees that refresher training must be taken annually by completing the online refresher training available through the EH&S webpage.

Note: Employees will be required to re-take the initial training course if they have not had an initial or refresher course for three years. Generally this requirement is for individuals who, for whatever reason, have discontinued the generation of hazardous chemical waste at UCDHSC, but will again begin this function. The initial course will enable the individual to be apprised of any important regulatory changes that might have occurred over the years.