Chemical and Hazardous Waste Labeling Requirements

Properly labeling chemical and waste containers is a key component of safety. It ensures the contents and the hazards of the contents are known so the container can be properly handled, stored, and disposed. Below are requirements for labeling.

- **Hazardous Reagent (Non-Waste) Chemicals:**
  
  When transferred from the manufacturer’s container into a secondary container, the new container shall be labeled with:
  
  ◊ Chemical names fully spelled out (no abbreviations or chemical formulas; i.e., ethanol).
  ◊ Hazards information; either GHS pictograms (below) or verbiage (flammable, toxic, corrosive, etc.).

  ◊ If you are not sure what hazard is needed on the label, consult Section 2 of the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) to see which GHS pictograms are listed.

- **Hazardous Waste:**
  
  A printable hazardous waste label is available to apply to waste containers. If you choose to not use this label, containers shall be labeled with:
  
  ◊ The term "Hazardous Waste".
  ◊ Chemical constituent names fully spelled out (no abbreviations or chemical formulas; i.e., ethanol).
  ◊ Hazard information; either GHS pictograms (shown above) or verbiage (flammable, toxic, corrosive, etc.).

More information on and printable GHS pictograms can be found here. Please consult your RMS liaison with any additional questions or concerns.

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