SAFETY ALERT

Change in Hazardous Waste Disposal Payment

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Important Notice

University to Pay for Hazardous Waste Disposal!

Risk Management and Safety is excited to announce hazardous wastes generated by Notre Dame faculty and staff will no longer be charged back to departments or researchers. After review of the bill-back process John Affleck-Graves, Bob Bernhard and Mike Seamon determined that the disposal of all hazardous wastes be paid out of a central University account starting July 1, 2015. This includes chemical, biological and radioactive wastes. With the University covering waste disposal costs, departments and researchers are encouraged to dispose of old, expired chemicals.

The Office of Research has indicated in general grant funds budgeted for waste disposal may be redirected and used for other research expenditures.

Requirements for Risk Management and Safety (RMS) to pick up waste remain the same. Chemical Discard tags are still required to be properly completed. Waste containers must be in good condition, leak-proof, and free of residual matter on the outside. Waste minimization remains a high priority, if necessary please contact RMS to discuss proper methods of minimizing waste streams.

RMS is developing a new Waste Pickup Request website. This will allow personnel to request waste pickups in a convenient electronic format. This site will be available in the next few months.

Our goal is to make our work areas safer and to comply with environmental regulations. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

