



# SAFETY NOTICE

RISK MANAGEMENT & SAFETY

## EPA and IDEM Inspection Results

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### Description

On September 12, 2017 the EPA and IDEM conducted an unannounced regular inspection of hazardous waste. The scope of the inspection was to assess compliance to hazardous waste management requirements. The inspection included a documentation review and physical tours of laboratories and operations locations. During the inspection several issues were identified. These included hazardous waste containers with no labels, illegible labeling and waste containers without lids.

### Opportunities for Improvement

As a reminder, hazardous waste containers shall be managed in the following manner:

- Labeled with the contents including the words "Hazardous Waste".
- Stored in leak-proof container that has secondary containment large enough to contain 10% of the total volume of the containers or 100% of the volume of the largest container, whichever is greater.
- Lids secured unless adding or removing waste. This includes removing funnels from containers and re-securing lids when not in use.
- Free of residual spillage on sides of container.
- Properly tagged when ready for disposal. Containers must have a properly completed [Chemical Discard Tag](#) attached prior to RMS pickup (click [here](#) for scheduled pickup dates).

### Future Plans

In preparation for future inspections, areas managing hazardous waste should review their processes and procedures as well as the University's [Hazardous Waste Procedure](#).

If your lab or area has any waste related questions, please contact Chad Rist [[crist@nd.edu](mailto:crist@nd.edu)] or Jason DeWispeleare [[jdewispe@nd.edu](mailto:jdewispe@nd.edu)].

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