

Hazardous Waste Management Policy

Hazardous waste management is a critical part of our overall safety program. Each campus is required to comply with the current regulations that govern the generation, handling, storage and disposal of hazardous waste. The College is legally obligated to follow both the Federal requirements in 40 CFR 261 and New York State requirements in 6 NYCRR 371 as it is a generator of hazardous waste. Each campus has obtained an EPA identification number that notifies the NYSDEC of the College's waste activity.

A waste is considered to be hazardous if it is listed (40 CFR 261) in the tables for process waste or product waste or exhibits a characteristic of a hazardous waste. The waste material is a characteristic waste if it meets the criteria for ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity or toxicity. All shipments of hazardous waste must be documented by a manifest. All manifests are to be sent to the College Safety Officer. Manifests are the College's proof of legal disposition of hazardous waste.

Under no circumstances can hazardous waste be disposed of down the drain or be allowed to slowly evaporate in a fume hood. The College is not permitted to treat chemical waste to render the material non-hazardous. Manual neutralization of waste material is strictly prohibited.

Managers, supervisors and administrators can be held criminally liable for mismanagement of hazardous waste. Environmental Law Article 71 addresses the general law enforcement provisions that allow for civil and administrative sanctions and criminal sanctions to individual violators.

This topic is included in the Chemical Hygiene Plan of the SCCC Safety Manual. Please inform staff in your area of this advisory. If you have any questions or need further guidance, please contact the College Safety Officer.

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