

Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab Procedures

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PROCEDURE SUMMARY

The disposal of hazardous chemicals is governed by local, state, and federal regulations, and is enforced by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A hazardous waste management program shall be implemented to comply with all applicable regulatory requirements and provide personnel safety and environmental reservation associated with hazardous waste management activities.

This procedure establishes the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) Hazardous Waste Management Program.

PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.0 PROCEDURES

1.1 The TVMDL Hazardous Waste Management Program will include:

- A. A hazardous waste collection, storage, and disposal program meeting the requirements established by the TCEQ, the EPA, the Texas A&M University System (A&M System), TVMDL; and
- B. A hazardous waste collection, storage, and disposal service for TVMDL that is conducted in a safe, approved manner.

1.2 The TVMDL Hazardous Waste Management Program is defined in the TVMDL Laboratory Safety Manual (#1811) and Chemical Handling SOP (#1801).

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 Laboratory Safety Officer is responsible for:

- A. Developing and implementing, the TVMDL Hazardous Waste Management Program, (serves as TVMDL's Chemical Hygiene Officer);
- B. Providing training to employees; and
- C. Ensuring the TVMDL Hazardous Waste Management Program is administered with qualified/trained personnel.

2.2 Laboratory Safety Officer and Resident Directors are responsible for:

- A. Ensuring that a qualified waste disposal service contractor is used;
- B. Ensuring that hazardous waste is disposed at authorized/permitted hazardous waste disposal sites;
- C. Providing reports to Texas A&M University Environmental Health and Safety, federal, and state agencies as required;
- D. Maintaining records of hazardous waste program activities; and

- E. Providing documentation (i.e. inventory) to the Laboratory Safety Officer prior to scheduling disposal service contractor. Hazardous waste disposal shall be reviewed and approved through the Laboratory Safety Officer.

2.3 Section Heads and Supervisors are responsible for:

- A. Complying with the TVMDL Hazardous Waste Management Program; and
- B. Ensuring employees are properly trained.
- C. Completing Waste Tags/Inventory for all hazardous waste generated, as necessary.

2.4 TVMDL Employees are responsible for:

- A. Complying with the written TVMDL Hazardous Waste Management Program.
- B. Completing Waste Tags/Inventory for all hazardous waste generated, as necessary.

RELATED STATUTES, POLICIES, OR REQUIREMENTS

[A&M System Policy 24.01](#), *Risk Management*

[A&M System Policy 32.02](#), *Discipline and Dismissal of Employees*

[A&M System Regulation 24.01.01](#), *Health and Safety*, and its associated standards

CONTACT OFFICE

Questions regarding this procedure should be referred to the [Laboratory Safety Officer](#) at 979-845-3414.

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