

POLICY MEMORANDUM

No. III-54

Hazardous Chemicals/Waste/Material Policy

PURPOSE

Increased public concern over the environment in recent years has resulted in the enactment of stringent Federal and State laws, statutes and regulations. Enforcement of these laws, statutes, and regulations has generally been vested with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Both organizations can and do impose substantial fines and penalties for violations, intentional or unintentional, of the enacted statutory and regulatory requirements. It is the intent of this policy statement to clearly inform all University employees that they have certain personal responsibilities and duties regarding regulated hazardous materials. All employees have the responsibility to act in a prudent manner while hazardous materials and substances are under their control.

Each and every employee of the Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) who may obtain, use or control chemicals and hazardous materials, has the responsibility and the obligation to act in accordance with EPA and DNR regulations. These regulations encompass all chemicals, chemical wastes, and other hazardous materials used, stored, and disposed of by the campus. It is especially important for individuals responsible for undergraduate and graduate students to ensure compliance with environmental laws and to eliminate environmental risks.

POLICY

It is the policy of Missouri S&T to carry out its work in full compliance with all laws and applicable regulations, to insure the health and safety of its students and employees, and to educate students in the best available practices with regard to hazardous materials. To further these policy objectives, Missouri S&T holds campus units (i.e., departments) responsible for the proper use, storage, and disposal of chemicals, hazardous materials, and related hazardous wastes generated while under their control; this includes asbestos containing materials (ACM). Departmental units may also be responsible for any civil fines assessed or levied because of the improper use, storage, or waste management practices. If violation(s) of the proper use, storage, and disposal of chemicals, hazardous materials, and related hazardous waste generated occurs, or in the case of an accident involving use, storage, and/or disposal of those materials, the culpability will be determined by a committee of experts appointed from the safety committee by its chair, with the results reported to the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services who will then make judgment as to the party responsible for same. All hazardous wastes, properly received by the Campus Hazardous Materials storage facility, will be the responsibility of the facility.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

RESPONSIBILITY: Campus departments and units

BASIS: Chancellor



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Chancellor