



Oceanic Consultants

HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT
Policies and Procedures

Hazardous Waste Management

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Hazardous waste is considered any waste that has the potential to exert a detrimental effect on people or on biological systems in the environment. Protection of human health and safety and the environment through the proper handling and management of waste is the joint responsibility of OCEANIC CONSULTANTS operational management and OCEANIC workers.

First, every effort will be made to minimize the generation of hazardous waste. If any process or work condition generates hazardous waste, management and workers will consider the following and strive to develop solutions to minimize or end the generation of hazardous waste:

1. Why is the process necessary?
2. Can another process be substituted?
3. Can the process be modified to produce less waste, or a less hazardous waste?
4. Can the waste be modified or treated to be less hazardous or more easily disposed of?
5. Can the waste be used for another purpose or recycled?

Any hazardous waste generated on OCEANIC property or worksites, or by OCEANIC workers in any work situation, must be disposed of in a way that minimizes any risk to human health and safety, or to the environment. OCEANIC CONSULTANTS strives to use relevant and available expertise on proper disposal of waste in order to minimize any negative consequences to humans or the external environment. Consult with your location's safety coordinator if you are uncertain of how properly dispose of waste generated at your location. These safety coordinators will consult with experts and provide additional instructions as needed. Follow these general procedures for waste disposal:

- Hazardous and non hazardous wastes must be segregated, stored and handled and disposed of in accordance with labels and MSDSs as applicable, or according to government regulations or ordinances.
- Label waste containers with the name of contents and the date the container is filled.

- Document (date and method) the transfer or disposal of general or hazardous waste.
- Dispose of general waste only in the designated collection and disposal containers.
- Dispose of scrap metal only in designated metal disposal containers.
- Avoid the unnecessary storage of waste, particularly chemical or toxic remnants – even oily rags.
- Return chemical remnants to the same tanks and containers in which the original chemicals were delivered. (If chemicals are delivered in barrels or in sacks, return the remnants in separate containers that are carefully marked as “remnants” with the contents and date filled.)
- Arrange appropriate collection of waste chemicals that require special disposal. Since waste chemicals awaiting disposal can pose a great risk for adverse reactions, explosions and fire, ensure a suitable location is available to short-term storage and while awaiting collection. Carefully monitor waste chemical disposal deadlines. Follow all chemical storage procedures according to MSDSs (proper containers, labeling, segregations, etc.) while awaiting collection for disposal.
- Collect remnants of paint and solvents in special tanks or containers and return or dispose of properly according to product labels and government ordinances.
- Allowing environmentally hazardous emissions to escape to the air, ocean, or soil is prohibited. (Report any observation of hazardous emissions to your location’s safety coordinator.)