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BMP# HRS #10

TITLE: SPRAY CANS & EMPTY CONTAINER STORAGE/DISPOSAL

Regulatory Citation: Not Applicable.

Applicability: Empty liquid chemical containers

Purpose: Proper handling and storage of empty containers.

**Person or
Department Responsible:** HRS Lab Technician

Schedule: As needed

Procedures: All drainable liquids must be removed from the containers. When draining liquids follow the applicable BMP for that material – for example, motor oil is drained into the recycled oil container. No chemical liquids are poured directly down drains. Waste liquids can be added to other waste containers if they are compatible – for example latex paint can be added to a latex paint waste container

All hazard warning labels must be removed from the containers or the labels defaced. If possible, empty containers shall be returned to the container supplier. Prior to transport off-site the container must be stored inside. However, if containers must be stored outside they must be stored with their lids sealed tight. If lids are not available then the containers must be stored on their sides to prevent the accumulation of rainwater. Non-returnable metal containers will be placed in the scrap metal dumpster.

If return to supplier or recycling is not possible, container will be placed in regular trash with lid closed.

Aerosol spray cans: if empty, dispose in regular trash; if still contains product, notify Coordinator of EHS for proper disposal.

Record keeping: Not Applicable.

Record Location: Not Applicable.

Contact: HRS Lab Technician (629-7561)
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