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BMP MEC-ITD#3

TITLE: EMPTY CONTAINERS DISPOSAL

Regulatory Citation: N/A

Applicability: Empty containers generated by MEC-ITD lab

Purpose: Proper disposal of empty chemical containers and spray aerosol cans.

**Person or
Department Responsible:** MEC Lab Assistant

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 the scrap metal dumpster at Cogan.

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.

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