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BMP EETD #3

TITLE: EMPTY CONTAINERS DISPOSAL

Regulatory Citation: N/A

Applicability: Empty containers generated by EETD Laboratory

Purpose: Proper disposal of empty chemical containers.

**Person or
Department Responsible:** EETD Laboratory Assistant

Schedule: As needed

Procedures: All drainable liquids must be removed from the containers. When draining liquids follow the applicable BMP for that material. No leftover chemical liquids are poured directly down drains. Waste liquids can be added to other waste containers if they are compatible, as per BMP #1.

When a chemical container is empty, remove or deface all hazard warning labels. 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 can be taken to 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, must be disposed of through approved environmental waste vendor.

Record keeping: Not Applicable.

Record Location: Not Applicable.

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