PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Schools Chemical Cleanout Campaign

Integrated Chemical Management





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- I. What is Integrated Chemical Management?
- II. Why is developing an Integrated Chemical Management Plan is so important?
- III. When should a school get started with developing an integrated plan for the management of chemicals?
- IV. Who should be involved in the process?
- V. How does a school get started with the process?
- VI. Where can a school find additional information and guidance?

What is Integrated Chemical Management?

Integrated Chemical Management is a coordinated system for handling and storage of chemicals in order to minimize risk. It is a 'live' system continuously changing and improving.

The key components of Integrated Chemical Management

- Establishment of a centralized chemical storage area where all chemicals are housed safely in a ventilated and are secure space
- Development of a real-time chemical database
- Commitment to becoming mercury free
- Commitment ongoing training and education

Why is developing an Integrated Chemical Management Plan is so important?

Because of the hazards associated with the chemicals present in schools, ...

Examples of recent incidents related to chemical handling in schools.

An introduction to Hazard Recognition and Classification

Recent Lab Incidents

They are occurring everyday. What can be learned from them?

LEHIGH VALLEY'S FIRST SOURCE FOR NEWS

THE MORNING CALL

Friday, February 24, 2012

Fire Erupts in Hamburg High Chemistry Lab

By Frank Warner

HAMBURG - A chemistry lab at Hamburg High School caught fire after classes Thursday, prompting an evacuation and sending eight people to a hospital. Steven P. Keifer, superintendent, said only a few people were in the building at 4:15 p.m., when the fire broke out...

The Daily Item

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Chemical spill clears the Line Mountain High School

Teacher burned when acid jug breaks

By Evamarie Socha

MANDATA -- Classes are to resume today at Line Mountain Junior-Senior High School, following Wednesday morning's evacuation after a glass container of hydrochloric acid broke, spilling in the chemistry lab, burning the teacher and sending about 600 students and 60 faculty members outdoors to the football stadium....

HERALD-Standard

Friday, October 19, 2012

Albert Gallatin Teacher Hospitalized After Chemical Burns

By Carla DeStefano

An Albert Gallatin School District teacher remains hospitalized after she was injured in a chemical spill in her classroom last week....

HAZARD RECOGNITION AND CLASSIFICATION

Laboratory operations are inherently hazardous. The hazards can be classified into two main groups.

Physical Safety Hazards

Chemical Health Hazards

Physical Safety Hazards

Include fire, explosion, skin cuts and abrasions, and extreme temperature.

Examples

- Compressed Gases
- Explosives
- Flammables
- Organic Peroxides
- Oxidizers
- Unstable Substances
- Water-reactive Substances



Chemical Health Hazards

Are substances that are hazardous to health when they enter the human body in sufficient quantity.

Examples

- Carcinogens
- Corrosives
- Highly Toxic Substances
- Irritants
- Sensitizers

The four main routes by which chemical substances can enter the body:

- i. Inhalation
- ii. Ingestion
- iii. Absorption
- iv. Injection

Chemical Substance Classes and Their Effects

The following potential health effects are indicated by chemical class.

Acids: corrosive to skin and mucous membranes.

Alcohols: alcohols depress the central nervous system by ingestion or prolonged inhalation.

Aldehydes and ketones: are irritants and have narcotic effects via inhalation, absorption, or ingestion.

Aliphatics: are central nervous system depressants and asphyxiants. Some are neurotoxins.

Alkalies: specifically the hydroxides, can cause severe tissue burns and bronchial spasms.

Asphyxiants: reduce the oxygen carrying capacity of the blood or displace atmospheric oxygen

Compounds of sulfur, phosphorus, nitrogen: are corrosive to the skin and destructive to respiratory tissues

Halogens: are corrosive and highly irritating to tissues

Metal fumes/vapors: Metal fumes and vapors can cause systemic poisoning via ingestion and inhalation

It is important to note that while some chemical classes have similar toxicological characteristics, the vast majority of chemicals have their own unique toxic properties.

..., a well developed chemical management plan raises awareness and minimizes risk.

When should a school get started with developing an integrated plan for the management of chemicals?

There is no better time than the present to develop an Integrated Chemical Management Plan at your school. No one wants their school to make the evening news because improper management of chemicals led to an evacuation of the building or worse, such as injury to students or staff.

Who should be involved in the process?

Development of an Integrated Chemical Management Plan is a process that requires participation, cooperation and support from the entire school community. Each stake holder group has an important role in the process, and with each role comes specific responsibilities which should be identified in the plan.

Stakeholder Groups and Roles

Groups	Roles
Administration(Principal)	Recognize the need and provide support for changes necessary to ensure a safe and healthful learning environment
Faculty(Teachers)	Identify and implement class room changes necessary to ensure a safe and healthful learning environment and mentor students
Operations(Maintenance, Building/grounds, Facilities)	Implement operational changes necessary to ensure a safe and healthful learning environment
Student Body	Follow the rules and respect the principal, teachers, and operations staff in their efforts to provide a safe and healthful learning environment

Chemical Management Responsibilities

- Since the presence of chemicals in schools comes with a hazard potential, each group, cognizant of the goal to maintain a safe and healthful learning environment, will have written responsibilities as part of an Integrated Chemical Management Plan.
- Since each school's specific circumstances are unique, specific responsibilities of the individuals within each group should be identified and assigned at the school level.
- Key to the successful development and implementation of an Integrated Chemical Management Plan is the appointment of a Chemical Coordinator.

Typical Responsibilities of the Chemical Coordinator

- Develop and/or review SOP's
- Review and order safety supplies
- Oversee the chemical inventory process
- Review orders for chemicals
- Establish and enforce disposal of waste chemicals

How does a school get started with the process?

Suggested First Steps in the Development of an Integrated Chemical Management Plan

- Designate a Chemical Coordinator
- Perform a thorough chemical inventory
- Make decisions on items to retain or dispose
- Make any necessary improvements to the chemical storage area (security, compatibility, containment, lighting and ventilation)

NOTE: Integrated Chemical Management is not a chemical cleanout project in and of itself. In the process of executing the plan, there is a chemical cleanout component. This is integrated management of chemicals from cradle to grave.

Where can a school find additional information and guidance?

Links to Additional Resources

PA DEP Schools Chemical Cleanout (SC3) web page

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=589603&mode=2

Chemical Safety Manual for Pennsylvania Schools

http://files.dep.state.pa.us/Waste/Bureau%20of%20Waste%20Management/WasteMgt PortalFiles/SolidWaste/HazardousWaste/School Chemical Safety Manual.pdf

US EPA Safe Chemical Management in Schools

http://www.epa.gov/schools/chemicals.html

EPA's central website for SC3 resources. Includes a SC3 Tool Kit as well as other useful school resources.

National Research Council. Prudent Practices in the Laboratory: Handling and Management of Chemical Hazards, Updated Version. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press, 2011

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12654

Developed by experts from academia and industry, with specialties in such areas as chemical sciences, pollution prevention, and laboratory safety, this valuable resource provides guidance on planning procedures for the handling, storage, and disposal of chemicals.

Flinn Scientific http://www.flinnsci.com/

Free on-line School Laboratory Safety Courses include: High School Safety, Middle School Safety, GHS Training, Chemical Storage Area Clean Up Plan, Laboratory Design, and Science Classroom Safety and the Law.

Beyond Benign: Green Chemistry Education <u>http://www.beyondbenign.org/</u> **Rehab the Lab: Creating Safer School Labs**

http://www.lhwmp.org/home/educators/rehabthelab.aspx

Offers downloadable lesson plans for least toxic chemistry labs, a database of school chemicals and training videos to help schools safely store, handle and dispose of their chemicals.

EPA Environmental Management Guide for Small Laboratories

http://infohouse.p2ric.org/ref/16/15829.pdf

Hazardous Waste Fact Sheet (2510-FS-DEP1961)

http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/Document-98344/2510-FS-DEP1961.pdf

Hazardous Waste Regulation Compliance Guide: Hazardous Waste Identification http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/Document-89410/2510-BK-

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2013 Schools Chemical Cleanout Project Summary

School Designation	County	DEP Region	Dates of Removal	Removed Chemicals (lbs.)
ALBERT GALLATIN HS	Fayette	ŚW	08/15/13	16
ALTOONA AREA HS	Blair	SC	07/23/13	31
CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SD	Somerset	SW	08/16/13	47
COUNCIL ROCK HS	Bucks	SE	08/13/13	250
CUMBERLAND VALLEY HS	Cumberland	SC	08/05/13	173
DERRY AREA SD	Westmoreland	SW	08/15/13	224
ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC HS	Elk	NW	07/24/13	47
HARRY S TRUMAN HS	Bucks	SE	08/09/13	226
JUNIATA VALLEY HS	Huntingdon	SC	07/24/13	247
LEBANON CATHOLIC SCHOOL	Lebanon	SC	08/07/13	280
LOWER DAUPHIN SD	Dauphin	SC	08/06/13	760
MECHANICSBURG AREA SENIOR HS	Cumberland	SC	08/05/13	72
MUHLENBURG SD	Berks	SE	08/07/13	69
PITTSON AREA SENIOR HS	Luzerne	NE	08/02/13	2,302
ROCKY GROVE JR SR HS	Venango	NW	07/25/13	44
SOUTH ALLEGHENY MS/HS	Allegheny	SW	08/14/13	20
STEELTON HIGHSPIRE HS	Dauphin	SC	08/06/13	38
TYRONE AREA HS	Blair	SC	07/23/13	12
UPPER MORELAND HS	Montgomery	SE	08/08/13	343
WILKES-BARRE AREA CTC	Luzerne	NE	08/02/13	3,118
TOTAL AMOUNT OF MANIFESTED CHEMICAL	LS			8,319



Disposal contractor (PSC) segregating chemicals for disposal



Placing chemicals into transportation container



Absorbent material being added to transportation container



Lab pack container with absorbent material added



Transportation containers with Hazardous Materials warning labels

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Lab pack inventory and Packing Certification



High Hazard Stabilization - Setup



High Hazard Stabilization - Equipment



High Hazard Stabilization - Cap Removal



High Hazard Stabilization – Peroxide Testing



High Hazard Stabilization – Addition of Hydroquinone



High Hazard Stabilization – Lab Pack



Low level radioactive materials staged on cart



Low-level radioactive material in transport container

Joint Purchasing



TO:	IU 15 School Districts
FROM:	Lynn Kraus, Manager, Management Services
RE:	Chemical Disposal Program
DATE:	MARCH 18, 2013

The attached documents are being provided to Intermediate Unit 15 school districts by the LIU 12 Joint Purchasing Board as an invitation to participate in the chemical disposal program on a fee basis.

If your district is interested in participating in this program, there is a \$100.00 per district fee plus a 1% administrative fee based on the total dollar amount expended for chemical disposal.

To participate in the bid process, your district needs to submit the \$100.00 fee along with your substance listing form by April 12, 2013. Since there is no requirement to contract with the vendors on this bid, the 1% fee will only be charged if an order is placed for disposal.

Please contact me at Ikraus@iu12.org or Deb Kane at dekane@iu12.org or 717-624-6530 if you have any questions on the enclosed information.

TIMELINE:

Friday, April 12	Substance Listing Forms due back to LIU
Thursday, May 23	Bid opening / tabulation
Friday, June 10	JPB meeting – bid award
June - July - August	Pickup/disposal conducted

65 Billerbeck Street, P. O. Box 70, New Oxford PA 17350 Phone: (717) 624-6408 Fax: (717) 624-6604 lkraus@iul2.org





The below listed school district will participate in the 2013 Chemical Disposal bidding process. Districts <u>are not required</u> to contract with disposal vendors if the pricing is not acceptable.

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