

Presidential Directive 4-1992-4

University of Wyoming Waste Minimization Program and University of Wyoming Hazardous Waste Minimization Plan

1. **General Information.** The University of Wyoming is committed to the protection of human health and the environment. The U.S. Congress, through the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendment of 1984, and the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990, has made waste minimization a national policy and a goal for each waste generator. The policy of the University shall be to eliminate, or reduce to a minimum hazardous waste generation, consistent with the mission and objectives of the University as an educational and research institution, available resources and regulatory constraints.
2. **Programs.** The University's commitment to the protection of human health and the environment shall include:
 - a. the development of a University of Wyoming Waste Minimization Program; and
 - b. the development, implementation and administration of a University of Wyoming Hazardous Waste Minimization Plan.
3. **Development.**
 - a. The University of Wyoming strongly encourages its employees to utilize solid waste minimization techniques. To this end, the University shall develop a Solid Waste Minimization Program which will include the identification of nonhazardous waste materials and associated minimization opportunities. The identification of minimization opportunities shall include source reductions, technology alternatives, material substitution, recycling and reuse. The Waste Minimization Program will be disseminated to each University employee to encourage participation and provide for the maximization of the University's efforts to minimize waste.
 - b. The University of Wyoming Hazardous Waste Minimization Plan shall be developed, implemented and administered through the Director of Risk Management by the Environmental Health and Safety Office. The educational and research mission of the University will be encompassed by the hazardous waste minimization plan which includes: more efficient use of materials, decreased waste disposal costs, decreased financial and regulatory liability, and decreased employee risk from exposure to hazardous materials and waste. The plan shall include minimization opportunities such as: product substitution, process modification, segregation and characterization, chemical recycling, reclamation, neutralization and deactivation, management and training.

4. **Questions and Issues.**

Any questions or issues related to this circular should be directed to the Environmental Health and Safety Office at 766-3277 or fax at 766-2871.

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