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TO: Hazardous Waste Generators, Deans, Directors and Department Heads, Departmental Safety Coordinators,

FROM: Nancy Fox, Director Environmental Health and Safety

SUBJECT: Hazardous Waste Disposal Fee Information

For hazardous and radioactive wastes picked up after June 30th of this year, Environmental Health and Safety Department will no longer charge disposal fees to Principal Investigators or Academic Departments.

The University Research and Economic Development Office is funding these waste disposal costs which will reduce the financial burden to researchers.

This change applies to hazardous and radioactive wastes from University research facilities and academic laboratories. This includes wastes from University laboratories and associated chemical storage areas in need of vacating or reorganization through retirement, employment change, etc. New University Laboratory Close-out Procedures and Clearance outline steps that must be taken in advance of vacating a laboratory.

http://www.uwyo.edu/ehs/ChemicalSafety/Chemical_Safety.html

Hazardous waste generators will still need to fill out the hazardous waste disposal forms for the materials being disposed and ensure that waste is properly packaged, stored and labeled until pickup by EHS staff. Improper handling, storage and labeling of containers can result in excess costs to the University in the form of higher disposal rates and regulatory fines. For additional information on hazardous waste disposal see the EHS web site:


Initially, this new no-fee structure may result in increased requests for waste disposal. EHS staff will make all efforts to process and respond to waste pickup requests in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your continued support of safety and environmental compliance.