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UNIVERSAL WASTES

In the last issue, an introduction to universal wastes was provided. Many businesses in San Joaquin County are small quantity universal waste handlers (<5,000kg of universal waste). The requirements for small quantity handlers are found in Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Sections 66273.10 through 66273.20. The following management practices are for **small quantity handlers**:

- A small quantity handler may store less than 5,000 pounds of universal waste at one time, and may not accumulate universal waste for more than one year.
- While being stored onsite, universal wastes must be clearly labeled with the contents, and the accumulation start date of the waste.
- Employees who handle universal wastes must be given training on proper handling, packaging, storage, labeling and emergency procedures.
- Handlers of universal waste must prepare shipping papers (i.e., bill of lading). A manifest is not required.
- Small quantity handlers must ship universal waste to another small quantity handler of universal waste, a large quantity handler, or a destination facility.

For more information on Universal Waste requirements for your business, contact your CUPA inspector, or sign up for free Compliance School by calling 209-468-3427.

FREE Compliance School!

The San Joaquin County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) is offering **FREE** classes to help businesses learn to comply with regulations enforced by the CUPA. Trainers from *Network Environmental Systems (NES)* will teach the 4 hour classes. The training class covers:

- General categories of hazardous waste and management techniques
- Hazardous waste manifests and recordkeeping requirements
- Title 22 employee training requirements
- Hazardous waste storage and container requirements
- Hazardous Material Business Plan information
- Requirements and applicability of Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC), Emergency Response and Contingency Plans.

Classes will be held in Stockton. **You must pre-register to attend** Classes are scheduled on the following dates:

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001 8AM - NOON or 1PM - 5PM
October, November, December 2001 TBA

**For more information or to register,
call Sylvia at 209-468-3427.
CALL SOON! Classes are filling up quickly!**

Do you generate less than 100 kilograms (27 gallons) of hazardous waste per month? If you do, you may qualify for hazardous waste disposal and recycling that is *affordable, safe, and legal*, sponsored by the Cities and County of San Joaquin. California law allows generators to self-haul up to 5 gallons or 50 pounds of hazardous waste to this event, or up to 20 gallons of used oil at one time. For more information on the Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) program, call (209) 468-3066. You must make an appointment to participate!

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CUPA Q & A

Q: What should I do with waste fluorescent lamps that contain PCBs?

A: Fluorescent lamps that contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are not covered under the universal waste regulations. The rules on the management of this waste stream may be found in Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Chapter 42.

These wastes are considered to be a hazardous waste and must be clearly labeled as a hazardous waste while being stored onsite prior to disposal. These wastes must be disposed of at an authorized treatment, storage or disposal facility for hazardous waste. Once the ballasts are shipped offsite, the generator must retain a copy of the shipping document for 3 years. A uniform hazardous waste manifest is not required for shipments of two 55 gallon drums or less.

This waste stream may only be accumulated onsite as long as the other hazardous wastes. Generators of greater than 1,000kg (2.2 tons) of hazardous waste per month may only accumulate waste onsite for 90 days. Generators below this amount may accumulate the waste for 180 days.

Do you have a question you would like answered in CUPA Q&A?

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Hazardous Waste Recycling



The recycling of hazardous waste is a practice which is used often as an alternative to land disposal and incineration. Many wastes which are transported under a hazardous waste manifest are ultimately recycled instead of being disposed to land or incinerated. Keeping wastestreams separate can increase the chances of the waste being recycled.

When a business decides to recycle their own hazardous waste onsite (i.e., antifreeze or paint), according to the Health & Safety Code, Section 25143.2(d)(1) the material must be shown to be recycled and used at the site where it was generated. The generator of the waste may then claim that it is an "Excluded Recyclable Material." These materials must be appropriately labeled as a hazardous waste would be (see requirements in Vol.1 Issue 1 of CUPA News), except, the words "Excluded Recyclable Material" replace the words "Hazardous Waste". For onsite recycling, the generator must recycle the waste within all applicable generator accumulation time requirements. Additionally, generators who recycle more than 100kg/month (approximately 27 gallons or 220 pounds) are required to submit a Recyclable Materials Report to the CUPA by July 1 of every even-numbered year. The completion of this form requires generators to track the quantity of material recycled onsite for each two year period.

If you have questions about onsite recycling or need a reporting form, please contact your CUPA inspector.

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Food Safety



The Environmental Health Division administers the Food Program in San Joaquin County. The purpose of this program is to prevent the occurrence of foodborne illnesses and to promote the availability of safe food items from clean and appealing food facilities in San Joaquin County. Employees in the Food Program are responsible for conducting routine inspections for all retail food operations in the county, responding to citizen complaints, educating food handlers and operators and reviewing construction plans for new and remodeled food facilities. The businesses which are regulated include restaurants, grocery stores, mobile food preparation units, cafeterias, mini-markets, produce stands, bars, and temporary food facilities.

The employees from the Food Program also enforce the No Smoking law and administer the Recreational Health Program. For more information on any of the above programs call 468-9849.

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