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Dur Mission:

To provide outstanding service to the RESEARCH, ACADEMIC, OPERATIONAL and HEALTHCARE areas of the University in defining and achieving their goals for environmental compliance and resource conservation.



Environmental Quality Management Center

Annual Hazardous Waste Management Training Required

The University requires that all persons generating hazardous waste must be trained upon <u>initial</u> assignment and <u>annually</u> thereafter. Hazardous waste training is offered on-line and is also available live on a regularly scheduled basis.

This training is important because it is the responsibility of the person generating the waste to determine if it is hazardous and to manage the waste appropriately. Additional knowledge includes determining such things as proper labeling and dating of containers, selection of appropriate containers, proper closure of containers, separation of incompatible materials and actions to be taken in the event of a spill/release of the waste.

The Environmental Management Department's Hazardous Waste Management Training courses are designed to meet the requirements of state and federal regulations. If you have not completed training since <u>September 1, 2008</u> and you generate or handle hazardous waste, it is requested that, at your earliest convenience you follow the steps at the right and diagrammed below to complete the on-line Hazardous Waste Training course.

New Computer-Based Waste Tracking System Goes LIVE!

Operated by the Environmental Management Department, F-TRAX a new computer-based waste management tracking system is now operational. The system enables the University to more efficiently track and document all aspects of its hazardous (and other special) waste generation, management and disposal activities. To find out more visit our website and follow the steps diagrammed below.

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Director's Highlight's

I want to take this opportunity to introduce this, the inaugural edition of The Environmental Register. Our hope is that it will prove to be a timely and useful tool to highlight matters related to environmental compliance that are relevant to all sectors of the University community. If you have time, I would like to know what you think and to hear what subjects that you would like to see mentioned in future issues.

Robert D. Kjelland, Director Environmental Management Dept.

UK Hazardous Waste Training On-Line
Go to: www.ehs.uky.edu/em/
Click on: Hazardous Waste Training

Scroll to: Environmental Management, online, and choose General or Specific depending on location

Did You Know?

- E-Trax was live beginning 1/1/2009.
- No more handwritten paper tickets.
- Complete the waste cards and waste pick up requests on line.
- The requests will be submitted to the Environmental Management Department automatically.
- The timely pick up of your waste will be the same as always.
- Contact the Environmental Management Department at bbutl1@email.uky.edu or 323-5005 for more information.

Coming in Future Issues

- Introducing the Environmental Management Department
- Waste Minimization
- Management of Ethidium Bromide
- Mercury Management guidance
- University wastewater permit facts
- Management of batteries and fluorescent bulbs
- Shipment of hazardous materials
- Response in the event of a hazardous materials emergency
- Asbestos or potentially asbestos containing material management