

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: REPORTING HAZARDOUS WASTE DISCHARGE

POLICY: All discharges or suspected discharges of hazardous waste shall be reported to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his/her representative immediately upon discovery. The CEO or his/her representative will investigate the incident and forward a report to both:

Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

County of Los Angeles
Hazardous Waste Control Program
5825 Rickenbacker Road
Commerce, CA 90040

PURPOSE: To state OVMC policy for reporting illegal discharges or threatened discharges of hazardous waste.

DEPARTMENTS: All.

DEFINITIONS: The California Health and Safety Code, Section 25180.7 requires the reporting of illegal hazardous waste discharges or threatened discharges to the local Board of Supervisors and the local Health Officer. This disclosure is required when a designated government employee obtains information in the course of his/her official duties revealing a discharge that he/she suspects may cause injury to public health or safety.

PROCEDURE: The criteria for reporting discharges or threatened discharges of hazardous waste by designated government employees are:

1. The discharge must be within the geographical area of Olive View-UCLA Medical Center. The discharge may be either accidental, intentional, and or the result of negligence.
2. The reporting employee must have personal knowledge that the discharge may cause injury to public health or safety.

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3. The discharge must involve hazardous waste as defined in Chapter 6.5 of the California Health and Safety Code and/or Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.
4. The discharge must impact the public health or safety in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. It has required or threatened to require evacuation of persons by an official agency.
 - b. It has caused or may cause injury to persons through inhalation, ingestion, or physical contact requiring medical attention or hospitalization.
 - c. It has contaminated or threatened to contaminate domestic water supplies in levels exceeding state drinking water action levels or maximum contaminate levels.
 - d. It has contaminated or threatened to contaminate recreational waters in concentrations which pose a hazard by physical contact or bioaccumulation by organisms consumed by humans.
 - e. It has resulted in or is involved in a fire which may cause injury to public health or safety.
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5. Discharges of the following nature should not be reported:
 - a. Discharges that are already public knowledge within the locality affected.
 - b. Discharges that are the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation which could be adversely affected by disclosure.
 - c. Discharges for which notification has already been made.
 - d. Discharges made in compliance with and under permit or approval of an appropriate regulatory agency.
 - e. Discharges that occurred prior to the effective date of January 1, 1987.

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References: California Health and Safety Code, Section 25180.7 (Proposition 65) Joint Commission Environment of Care Standards DHS Policy 915, "Hazardous Materials/Waste Management"	
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