

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**SUBJECT:** HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WASTE MANAGEMENT**POLICY NO. 915**

PURPOSE:: To ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations governing the ordering, generation, use, storage, recycling or disposal of hazardous materials/waste in DHS facilities.

POLICY:: Each facility/program administrator shall develop and implement a program for complying with applicable laws and regulations affecting the ordering, generation, use, storage, recycling or disposal of hazardous materials/waste.

GUIDE:: Each facility/program administrator shall:

1. Develop written procedures for managing hazardous materials/waste from "cradle to grave."
2. Develop written procedures for assuring compliance with applicable regulations governing the ordering, generation, use, storage, recycling or disposal of hazardous materials/waste.
3. Establish provisions to safeguard patients, visitors and employees from hazardous materials/waste found through inspections or accidental exposure.
4. Schedule periodic inspections to identify and correct hazardous materials/waste problems that may be found in DHS buildings.
5. Document corrections and follow-up actions and distribute reports to the appropriate personnel.
6. Ensure that inspections are conducted by trained personnel with the knowledge or work operations, processes and related materials to recognize hazards and recommend proper corrective action.
7. Develop response measures to citations or other notices from governmental agencies or regulatory bodies.
8. Ensure that all plans of correction are consistent with federal, state and local regulations.
9. Maintain current reference documents and publications related to safely managing hazardous materials/waste including federal, state and local hazardous materials-related regulations.

CROSS REFERENCES:: Policy No. 911
DHS Safety Policy Manual

AUTHORITY:: Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA)
California Occupational Safety and Health Act
JCAH Accreditation Standards
Los Angeles County Code
South Coast Air Quality Management District
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
California Health & Safety Code

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SUPERCEDES:

APPROVED: Signature on File
