



Hazardous Waste Management Policy	Action number	-----
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Policy Statement	<p>AAU is committed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compliance with Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adhering to all local, state, and federal regulations regarding the management of hazardous waste.</li> <li>▪ Ensuring that all employees who manage or handle hazardous waste are properly trained and informed about relevant regulations and university policies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Hazardous Waste Minimization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Actively promoting practices that reduce the volume and toxicity of hazardous waste generated by university activities.</li> <li>▪ Encouraging the substitution of less hazardous materials and the implementation of waste reduction techniques in research, teaching, and maintenance operations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Proper Hazardous Waste Handling and Storage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensuring that hazardous waste is properly identified, labeled, and stored in a manner that minimizes the risk of accidents, contamination, or releases to the environment.</li> <li>▪ Providing secure and compliant storage facilities for hazardous waste, and maintaining them in accordance with regulatory requirements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Safe and Compliant Disposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coordinating the disposal of hazardous waste through licensed waste disposal contractors who are authorized to handle and dispose of such waste properly.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintaining accurate records of hazardous waste generation, storage, and disposal, as required by regulations.</li> </ul> <p>5. Emergency Response and Spill Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Developing and maintaining an effective emergency response plan for incidents involving hazardous waste, including procedures for immediate response, spill containment, and cleanup.</li> <li>▪ Providing appropriate training and resources to employees for handling hazardous waste emergencies.</li> </ul> <p>6. Training and Awareness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conducting regular training programs for faculty, staff, and students who handle hazardous waste, focusing on safe handling practices, emergency procedures, and regulatory compliance.</li> <li>▪ Promoting awareness of hazardous waste management procedures and the importance of compliance throughout the university community.</li> </ul> <p>7. Continuous Improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regularly reviewing and updating hazardous waste management practices to ensure ongoing compliance with regulations and to incorporate advancements in waste management technologies and practices.</li> <li>▪ Encouraging feedback and suggestions from the university community to improve the hazardous waste management program.</li> </ul>
Policy Purpose	<p>The purpose of this policy is to establish AAU's commitment to the safe, responsible, and compliant management of hazardous waste generated from university operations. This policy aims to protect human health, the environment, and property by ensuring proper handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste in accordance with all applicable regulations and best practices.</p>
Policy Scope	<p>This policy applies to all university activities that generate, store, handle, or dispose of hazardous waste, including academic research, laboratory work, maintenance operations, and construction projects. It covers all forms of hazardous waste, including but not limited to chemical, biological, radiological, and electronic waste.</p>
Policy Responsibilities	<p>1. The Environmental Health and Safety Office is responsible for:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Overseeing the implementation and compliance of this policy.</li><li>▪ Coordinating hazardous waste management activities, including training, collection, and disposal.</li></ul> <p>2. Department Heads and Laboratory Managers are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ensuring that faculty, staff, and students within their departments comply with this policy and properly manage hazardous waste.</li></ul> <p>3. All University Employees and Students are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Complying with this policy and all related procedures.</li><li>▪ Participating in required training and properly managing hazardous waste in their activities.</li></ul>
Policy Compliance	Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment or academic sanctions. The university is committed to rectifying any instances of non-compliance and taking preventative measures to ensure ongoing adherence to this policy.
Policy Review	This policy will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised every year or as needed to ensure it remains effective, reflects current legal and environmental standards, and aligns with the university's commitment to safety and environmental stewardship.