

# Battery Recycling at Fermilab

Fermilab Director Nigel Lockyer is leading all Fermilab employees through a lab wide merger, and the ESH&Q section, headed by Chief Safety Officer Martha Michels, has merged into one unified department ready to serve all safety concerns lab wide.

The Hazard Control Technology Team (HCTT), part of the ESH&Q section, has taken steps to merge the many separate lab wide Battery Recycling Programs, already in use since 2007, into one centralized program. In order to create a more user-friendly recycling program, the following initiatives have been implemented:

- Battery recycling stations (including clear tape and instructions) have been set up lab wide, usually located near employee mail stations. (see picture)
- Pick-up and radiation survey of spent batteries will be performed by the HCTT Group, eliminating the need for MMR's.
- Arrangements for the recycling of the spent batteries will be managed by the HCTT Group.

The HCTT will continue to refine and tweak the Alkaline Battery Recycling Program so that all employees will feel that participation in battery recycling is quick, convenient and easy to do on a daily basis. After all, the success of caring for our environment is shared by everyone. Look for a battery recycling station near your area. Contact your System Administrator for more specific locations. All batteries used lab wide are welcomed. Any suggestions, comments, or concerns about the Battery Recycling Program may be directed to Ext. x2557 or (630) 485-8060.

