



FESHM 8023: GENERAL REFUSE AND RECYCLING

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Fermilab collects general refuse and recyclable materials in dumpsters throughout the site. As part of the pollution prevention policy, Fermilab diverts as much waste as possible from the general refuse waste stream because general refuse is disposed of in a landfill. Fermilab prioritizes recycling materials whenever possible. These policies are implemented in response to local, state and federal laws, regulations, Department of Energy (DOE) Orders and Executive Orders.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

General Refuse - the everyday garbage that is generated by the lab and disposed of in a landfill.

Recyclable Materials - recyclable materials that are generated by the lab and are taken to a collection center sorted, cleaned, and reprocessed.

Dumpster Program - a check program that is in place to assure that no unauthorized material or radioactive material is disposed of in dumpsters.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Environment, Safety, Health and Quality Section (ESH&Q) has the responsibility to screen the contents of all refuse dumpsters for unauthorized material and radioactive material. The Hazard Control Technology Team will inspect dumpsters for unauthorized material and survey for radioactive material immediately before the waste hauling contractor empties the dumpster into his vehicle or removes a dumpster from site. If any violations are found the dumpster is not emptied or allowed to be moved off-site and a sign is placed on or near the dumpster stating "DO NOT EMPTY, DO NOT ADD GARBAGE, CALL ESH&Q x-4498".

3.2 Division/Section/Center Head has the responsibility to insure that no unauthorized material or radioactive material from operations under their control is placed in dumpsters.

3.3 Facilities Engineering Services Section is responsible for maintaining the dumpster contracts and the supervision of subcontracted custodial staff that collects the day-to-day garbage and recyclable materials from various offices and shops throughout the Laboratory.

3.4 Division/Section/Center Waste Coordinators are responsible for the removal of all unauthorized material from the dumpster.

3.5 Division/Section/Center Construction Coordinators or Task Managers are responsible for monitoring the disposition of all waste materials generated by subcontractor personnel during onsite construction and demolition projects and ensure unauthorized or radioactive materials are not added to general refuse or recycling dumpsters.