

Satellite Accumulation Areas (SAA)

Satellite Accumulation Areas (SAA) must be identified within each laboratory, studio, etc., for the storage of hazardous waste until such material can be transported to MSU's hazardous waste storage facility. The SAA must be located at or near the generation point of the hazardous waste and must be under the control of the generator at all times.

Such collection areas will be periodically inspected by the Office for Regulatory Compliance (ORC) and must comply with the following:

1. SAA must be posted to identify that hazardous wastes are stored in that location. The name of the unit contact person must be declared as well. (Contact ORC for appropriate signage.)
2. SAA must be relatively secure and in a low traffic area, and must be readily accessible for removing the stored material.
3. Secondary containment must be provided within the SAA to minimize the effects of an accident or spill. (Small inexpensive plastic tubs work well for this purpose.)

All hazardous waste generated in these laboratories or work areas must be placed in a secondary container and stored within the SAA. The individual containers must be labeled with the words "Hazardous Waste" as well as the name of the waste chemical(s).

There are specific limits to the quantity of waste that can be stored within an SAA. No more than 1 quart of a P-code waste can be accumulated in these areas. Up to 55 gallons of all other waste (non P-code) can be accumulated in these areas at one time. Quantities of waste exceeding these limits may violate federal regulations, and significant fines or penalties may result.

It is the generator's responsibility to notify the Office for Regulatory Compliance (ORC) when hazardous waste has been generated and is ready for collection. Requests for collecting such waste may be made through our website <http://www.msstate.edu/dept/compliance/hazwaste/hazwaste.htm> or by calling our office at 325-3294. ORC will collect the waste from the SAA and transport it to MSU's hazardous waste storage building.