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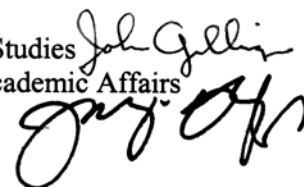
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors, Department Heads, and Principal Investigators

FROM: John G. Gilligan, Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies
James Oblinger, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



SUBJECT: Hazardous Waste Management In Laboratories

As we have communicated with you in prior memoranda, the University's Hazardous Waste Program is subject to inspection by representatives of EPA Region IV and NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR), Hazardous Waste Section. As part of the inspection process, labs, shops and other areas where chemical wastes may be generated or stored are selected at random by the inspectors to assess proper waste management practices. Representatives from the University recently met with NCDENR, Hazardous Waste Compliance and Enforcement Section to discuss efforts on the part of the University for bringing laboratories and other areas into compliance with hazardous waste regulations. University facilities will be re-inspected in the near future.

It is essential that all University employees demonstrate a daily commitment to environmental compliance, including the safe management of hazardous materials and wastes and instill upon the students that work with them these same goals and ideals. It is necessary for each Principal Investigator (professor, supervisor, managers, etc.) to ensure personnel are appropriately informed of these requirements and that they follow the procedures and guidelines provided by Environmental Health and Safety.

Environmental Health and Safety have developed information and tools to support compliance with hazardous waste management requirements. These tools are available as follows.

- On-line training, Handling Hazardous Waste <http://www.safety.ncsu.edu/LabWaste/2>
- Hazardous Waste Inspections Update http://www.ncsu.edu/ehs/waste/haz_insp.htm
- Top Ten Hazardous Waste Mistakes http://www.ncsu.edu/ehs/waste/top_ten.htm

We encourage you to use all available resources to assure all personnel are trained and are in compliance with applicable rules. For assistance contact Rob Pecarina of Environmental Health and Safety at 515-7915.

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