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**BMP Technical Services #1**

**TITLE:** EMPTY CONTAINERS DISPOSAL

**Regulatory Citation:** 6 NYCRR Part 201-3.2(13)

**Applicability:** Empty containers generated by Technical Services Department.

**Purpose:** Proper disposal of empty chemical containers.

**Person or  
Department Responsible:** Tech Services Staff

**Schedule:** As needed

**Procedures:** Once a chemical container is empty, the laboratory technician will remove all material from the container to the maximum extent possible.

Glass Containers-Once a chemical container is emptied, the label is removed, the container triple rinsed and the container is placed into the container labeled "Waste Glass".

5-Gallon Containers-the container must be emptied to the maximum extent possible, the label removed, and then transported to the hazardous waste storage area awaiting removal by the approved waste disposal contractor.

55-Gallon Drums-remove the contents to the maximum extent possible. The laboratory assistant is to transport the drum to the hazardous waste storage area. If possible, return drum to the vendor. If the vendor does not accept the drums then arrange for removal by the approved waste removal contractor.

Aerosol spray cans: when empty, they can be disposed in regular trash; if still contains product, dispose in accordance with BMP #5.

General-Store containers inside the Hazardous Waste storage area. If it is necessary, to store the containers outside, ensure that they are properly sealed to prevent precipitation from accumulating within the containers.

**Record keeping:** Not Applicable.

**Record Location:** Not Applicable.

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