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TO: ECU Faculty, Staff and Students

FROM: Edward Johnson, Assistant Director, Biological Safety Officer *EJ*
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RE: Biohazardous Waste Disposal Standard Operating Procedures and Satellite Accumulation Storage Areas

DATE: July 22, 2014

Please review the following items regarding disposal and storage of biohazardous waste in this Facility (note: nothing else shall be stored in this area, i.e., chemicals, glassware, etc.):

The OSHA Blood Borne Pathogen Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1030 states that sharps must be discarded immediately or as soon as feasible in appropriate sharps containers that are closeable, puncture resistant, leak proof on sides/bottoms, and are properly labeled/color coded with the universal biohazard symbol. Please **DO NOT** under any circumstances dispose of needles or sharps unless they are properly secured in an appropriate sharps container. This will prevent needle/sharps sticks to our Technicians that pick up and handle the waste.

Please place all non-sharp biohazardous waste in red or orange biohazard bags with the universal biohazard symbol imprint. NOTE: orange biowaste bags are specified only for waste that is to be autoclaved. Known infectious materials MUST always be autoclaved and all animal (example mice) and animal parts MUST be stored in designated freezers or refrigeration units. Our Environmental Health and Safety Hazardous Material Technicians, which pick up the biowaste, occasionally find orange bags that have not been autoclaved. Individuals must make arrangements to have this waste properly autoclaved prior to disposal. After the autoclave process, orange bags may be placed into red bags. The Medical Stockroom has several types of small biohazard bag in stock if needed by departments. **Please refer to the Institutional Biological Safety Manual (pp. 49-52) for autoclave information.**

Please do not place chemicals or chemical waste in this area. Chemicals should be stored and labeled appropriately in the laboratory. Any chemical waste should be stored in the labs satellite accumulation area. Also, please do not store any glassware in this area.

By adhering to the proper disposal procedures, you are ensuring the continued health and safety of those that collect the biohazardous waste generated by this facility. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

If you have any questions or have an urgent matter, please call **744-2070**.