

3 **CHEMICAL WASTE ACCUMULATION AND**
4 **DISPOSAL AT NIST-BOULDER**

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12 **1. PURPOSE**

13 The purpose of this suborder is to establish the requirements and responsibilities regarding the
14 accumulation and disposal of chemical waste at the NIST-Boulder site and the NIST
15 WWV/WWVB broadcast facility to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state
16 regulations.²

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19 **2. BACKGROUND**

20 a. The Department of Commerce (DoC) Boulder Laboratories is comprised of NIST, the
21 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National
22 Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA), and the General Services
23 Administration (GSA). Under a cross-service agreement, NIST provides chemical waste
24 (e.g., hazardous waste, nonhazardous waste, universal waste, and used oil) collection and
25 disposal services to these agencies.

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27 (1) The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has issued the
28 DoC Boulder Laboratories a unique hazardous waste generator identification number,
29 Environmental Protection Agency Identification Number (EPA ID), CO9131505175,
30 which authorizes the DoC Boulder Labs to generate and accumulate hazardous waste as
31 small quantity generator (SQG) in compliance with the regulations referenced in Section
32 4 below.

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34 (2) The NIST radio broadcast station, WWV/WWVB, near Fort Collins, CO, is permitted as
35 a very small quantity generator (VSQG) with EPA ID, COR000220723.

¹ For revision history, see Appendix A.

² Due to differing regulatory requirements for the NIST-Gaithersburg site, a parallel suborder (NIST S 7301.06) has been prepared to define the chemical waste accumulation/disposal requirements for the Gaithersburg site.

36 **3. APPLICABILITY**

37 a. This suborder applies to all activities at the NIST-Boulder and NIST WWV/WWVB facilities
38 that generate chemical wastes.

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40 **Note:** Under the cross-service agreement, personnel employed by or contracted by
41 covered agencies are required to comply with applicable state and federal regulations and
42 the terms of the cross services agreement.

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44 b. This suborder does not apply to NIST employees or associates performing work on the
45 University of Colorado campus.

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47 c. This suborder does not apply to the NIST WWVH facility located on the Pacific Missile
48 Range Facility, Barking Sands on Kauai, Hawaii.

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51 **4. REFERENCES**

52 a. 40 CFR 260-279, [*Hazardous Waste Management System*](#)

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54 b. 40 CFR 700-766, [*Toxic Substances Control Act*](#)

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56 c. 6 CCR 1007-2, [*Solid Waste Regulations*](#)

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58 d. 6 CCR 1007-3, Parts 260-273 and 279, [*Hazardous Waste Regulations*](#)

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60 e. BRC 11-3, [*Industrial and Prohibited Discharges*](#)

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62 f. COR042002, *Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit*

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64 g. 2017-2, *Industrial Discharge Permit*

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66 h. The Risk Management Process for Federal Facilities: An Interagency Security Committee
67 Standard, Appendix B: Countermeasures, 2019

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70 **5. APPLICABLE NIST DIRECTIVES**

71 a. NIST S 7101.20: [*Work and Worker Authorization Based on Hazard Reviews*](#)

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73 b. NIST S 7101.21: [*Personal Protective Equipment*](#)

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75 c. NIST S 7101.23: [*Safety Education and Training*](#)

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77 d. NIST S 7101.50: [Biosafety](#)
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79 e. NIST S 7101-51: [Bloodborne Pathogens](#)
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81 f. NIST S 7101.54: [Dispersible Engineered Nanoparticles](#)
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83 g. NIST S 7101.60: [Chemical Management](#)
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85 h. NIST S 7201.02: [Radioactive Materials at NIST Boulder](#)
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87 i. NIST S 7301.01: [Environmental Management System](#)
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89 j. NIST S 7301.03: [Air Emissions Management at NIST-Boulder](#)
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91 k. NIST S 7301.09: [Oil Storage and Handling at NIST-Boulder](#)
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93 l. NIST S 7301.11: [Stormwater Management at NIST-Boulder](#)
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95 m. NIST S 7301.13: [Wastewater Management at NIST-Boulder](#)
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98 **6. REQUIREMENTS**

99 a. General

- 100
101 (1) NIST shall maintain full and consistent compliance with all regulatory requirements
102 (described in this suborder) regarding the generation, accumulation, and disposal of
103 chemical wastes;
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105 (2) No chemical waste shall be released to sanitary sewer drains or storm water drains
106 without review and approval by the NIST Boulder Safety, Health, and Environment
107 Division (BSHED). Contact BSHED at x5375, option 3 with any questions;
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109 (3) No chemical waste shall be disposed by evaporation. This requirement does not apply to
110 evaporation occurring during the use of the chemical or negligible losses due to
111 evaporation during transfer between containers;
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113 (4) NIST shall maintain the proper controls, equipment, and employee training to prevent or
114 mitigate chemical waste incidents;
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116 (5) NIST shall routinely assess chemical use to identify opportunities to minimize hazardous
117 waste production through reuse, recycling, inventory control, and, as feasible,
118 substitution of non-hazardous alternative chemicals. For laboratory employees and
119 associates, this shall initially be accomplished in the hazard review process (NIST S
120 7101.20: *Work and Worker Authorization Based on Hazard Reviews*);

121
122 (6) During the planning stage of abatement, construction or renovation projects, project
123 managers must ensure that the types of waste that will be generated are identified and
124 handling/disposal is included in the contract; and

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126 (7) Disposal requirements shall be identified prior to bringing new chemicals used for the
127 operations and maintenance of facilities and utilities on site.

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129 b. Chemical Waste Determinations

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131 (1) At the point of generation, all chemical waste produced shall be properly identified by the
132 classification under which it is regulated (See Section 6.d.(5)(e):

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134 (a) Hazardous Waste, which includes dispersible engineered nanomaterials (DENM) that
135 are managed as hazardous waste;

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137 i. Waste materials regulated as hazardous waste under 6 CCR 1007-3 Part 261,
138 unless excluded as scrap metal under 261.4(a)(14);

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140 ii. Waste materials regulated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA, 40
141 CFR 700-766), including polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and asbestos-
142 containing material; and/or

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144 iii. Waste materials containing dispersible engineered nanomaterials (DENM).

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146 (b) Universal Waste;

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148 i. Waste materials regulated as universal waste under 6 CCR 1007-3, Part 273,
149 including:

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151 (i) Aerosol Cans;

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153 (ii) Batteries;

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155 (iii) Light bulbs; and

- 156 (iv) Mercury-containing devices.
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158 (c) Nonhazardous Waste, including but not limited to:
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160 i. Waste materials excluded under 6 CCR 1007-3, 261(b), not regulated under
161 Parts 261, 273 or 279 or materials identified in 6 CCR 1007-2, including:
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163 (i) Paints;
164 **Note:** Dehydrated or dried latex or acrylic paint may be disposed in
165 the trash.
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167 (ii) Glycol; and
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169 (iii) Liquid detergents.
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171 (d) Used Oil, Waste materials regulated under 6 CCR 1007-3, Part 279, including but not
172 limited to:
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174 i. Hydraulic oils;
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176 ii. Pump oils;
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178 iii. Lubricating oils; and
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180 iv. Petroleum-based greases.
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182 (e) Materials regulated under the Toxic Substances Control Act:
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184 i. Waste containing polychlorinated biphenyls, as defined under 40 CFR 761.3;
185 and
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187 ii. Asbestos-containing waste from decontaminating equipment, but not from
188 abatement work.³
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190 (f) Radiological Waste:
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192 i. Material covered under NIST S 7201.02 Radioactive Materials at NIST
193 Boulder
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³ Large-scale abatement is addressed in NIST Office of Facilities and Property Management (OFPM) programs.

- 195 (g) Scrap Metal:
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197 i. Unwanted metals managed for recycling;
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199 ii. Metals regulated as a hazardous waste if not managed for recycling, including
200 chromium, lead and silver;
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202 iii. OFPM manages aluminum, copper and steel for recycling; and
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204 iv. Does not include metal compounds.
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- 206 (h) Sharps:
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208 i. Materials that may penetrate skin, commonly having a sharp edge or point;
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210 ii. Classified based on material with which the sharp is contaminated:
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212 (i) Municipal solid waste if uncontaminated;
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214 (ii) Biohazardous waste; or
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216 (iii) Hazardous waste.
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- 218 (i) Biohazardous Waste:
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220 i. Materials identified in NIST S 7101.50 *Biosafety*
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- 222 (j) Municipal Solid Waste:
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224 i. Waste not containing any wastes listed in 6.b.(1)(a)-(i)
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- 226 (2) The regulatory status of the waste shall be identified during the hazard review process;
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- 228 (3) OSHE/BSHED shall provide assistance with completing waste determinations if
229 requested; and
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- 231 (4) Documentation of waste determinations shall be kept by the person generating the waste
232 and made available during regulatory inspections;
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234 (a) BSHED maintains a database of waste determinations and will provide
235 documentation if requested to assist with the waste determination.

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237 c. Satellite Accumulation

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239 (1) All NIST work areas that accumulate hazardous wastes shall establish Satellite
240 Accumulation Areas (SAA; see Section 7, **Definitions**);⁴

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242 (a) An inventory of SAAs shall be maintained by BSHED.

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244 (2) Chemical waste generated in a work area (e.g., laboratory) shall remain in that work area
245 and be accumulated in an SAA (if regulated as hazardous waste) until picked-up for
246 disposal in compliance with 6 CCR 1007-3, 262.34(g);

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248 (a) Exceptions shall be allowed for SAAs in the clean room tool move-in room and
249 chases in Building 81 with approval by BSHED.

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251 (3) All SAAs shall meet the following requirements:

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253 (a) The location of the SAA shall be identified by signage in the work area (available
254 free from BSHED);

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256 (b) The SAA shall be located within the work area, with the exceptions provided in
257 Section 6.c(2)(a), to facilitate the safe storage of the chemical wastes (e.g., flammable
258 wastes may need to be stored in a flammable cabinet; volatile wastes may need to be
259 stored in a ventilated cabinet). Storage of hazardous waste shall meet the following
260 requirements of the Interagency Security Committee (ISC) document *The Risk
261 Management Process for Federal Facilities: An Interagency Security Committee
262 Standard, Appendix B: Countermeasures 2019*:

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264 i. Waste shall be stored in secured areas with adequate fire protection away from
265 loading docks, entrances and uncontrolled parking;

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267 ii. SAAs shall be located to minimize the risk of tampering or theft;

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269 iii. Waste shall be handled in compliance with applicable Homeland Security and
270 hazardous materials regulations;

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⁴ "Routine" generation of chemical waste is the consistent production of chemical waste regulated as hazardous waste such that it will need to be turned in for disposal at least once per year.

- 272 iv. Waste must be accumulated in manner that minimizes risk to life, health,
273 safety and property; and
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- 275 v. Emergency contact information for the work area and SAA shall be posted in
276 an accessible location. A template for emergency contact information is
277 provided in Appendix D.
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- 279 (c) Secondary containment shall be provided for waste containers stored at an SAA to
280 control leaks or spills;
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- 282 i. The capacity of the secondary containment shall be sufficient to contain the
283 quantity of the largest single container stored in the containment.
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- 285 (d) Incompatible chemical wastes⁵ shall be kept segregated as specified below; and
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- 287 i. In separate containers;
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- 289 ii. In separate secondary containment bins; and
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- 291 iii. When possible, in separate chemical cabinets.
292
- 293 (e) An SAA owner shall be designated for each SAA.
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- 295 i. The SAA owner shall be the individual responsible for the process generating
296 chemical waste in the work area in which the SAA is located.
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- 298 (4) The quantity of waste in any SAA shall be limited to:
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- 300 (a) 55 gallons of hazardous waste; or
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- 302 (b) 1 quart (liquid) or 1 kg (solid) of acute hazardous waste. See Section 7, Definitions
303
- 304 (5) Spill control materials compatible with the waste in the SAA shall be kept on hand in
305 quantities adequate to clean up a spill from the largest waste container;
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- 307 (6) Adequate aisle space shall be maintained around the SAA. Fire code requires a minimum
308 aisle width of 28 inches;
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⁵ Chemical compatibility references are included in NIST S 7101.60: *Chemical Management*.

310 (7) Satellite accumulation areas shall be inspected by the SAA owner or a person supervised
311 by the SAA owner on a weekly basis;

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313 (8) SAA owners shall maintain inspection checklists for the previous three months or the
314 period of time elapsed since the most recent BSHED inspection whichever is less; and

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316 (9) The accumulation start date shall be added when a container is 90% full.

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318 d. Chemical Waste Containers

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320 (1) Chemical wastes shall be placed in containers made of materials compatible with the
321 wastes;

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323 (2) Chemical waste containers shall be in good condition and have screw-on caps;

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325 (3) Chemical waste containers typically must be sealed with a cap when not actively being
326 filled;

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328 (a) If chemical wastes are reacting in a manner that will cause a sealed container to over
329 pressurize:

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331 i. The waste container shall be left open and in a fume hood until the reaction is
332 complete; or

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334 ii. A pressure relief cap shall be used.

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336 (4) Chemical waste containers shall not be over-filled;

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338 (a) Free space (head space or ullage) of 10 percent shall be left when filling waste
339 containers.

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341 (5) Waste shall be labeled with the information listed below:

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343 (a) A list of the constituents of the waste;

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345 (b) An estimate of the percent volume of each constituent;

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347 (c) A description of the hazards associated with the waste using labels compliant with the
348 Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

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- 350 i. Labels are provided by OSHE/BSHED
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352 (d) The accumulation start date at the time the waste is generated unless the container is
353 placed in a satellite accumulation area; and
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355 (e) The regulatory classification of the waste. See 6.b.(1) for regulatory
356 classifications/definitions of waste.
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358 i. Hazardous waste.
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360 ii. Universal waste.
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362 iii. Non-hazardous waste.
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364 iv. Used oil.
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366 v. Materials regulated under the Toxic Substances Control Act:
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368 (i) Labeled as hazardous waste
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370 vi. Radiological Waste:
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372 (i) Contact the radiation safety officer for labels and assistance with
373 handling or disposing radioactive waste.
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375 vii. Scrap Metal:
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377 (i) Metals regulated as a hazardous waste if not managed for recycling,
378 including chromium, lead and silver. OFPM manages aluminum,
379 copper and steel for recycling, not including metal compounds; and
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381 (ii) A nonhazardous waste label or any other label identifying the material
382 as scrap metal and the specific metal may be used.
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384 viii. Sharps:
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386 (i) Uncontaminated sharps may be disposed as municipal solid waste if
387 properly contained in a rigid container labeled as “sharps”; or
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389 (ii) Contaminated sharps must be managed and labeled as the type of
390 waste contaminating the sharps, typically biohazardous or hazardous.

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392 ix. Biohazardous Waste:

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394 (i) Affix a biohazardous waste label

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396 x. Municipal Solid Waste:

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398 (i) No labeling required.

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400 (6) Reusable containers (*e.g.*, safety cans) may be used to store chemical waste if used to
401 contain compatible wastes.

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403 (a) The owner of a reusable container shall clearly indicate on the container the location
404 to which it shall be returned.

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406 **Note: In some instances, it may not be feasible to return a container due to the**
407 **nature of the contents.**

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409 e. Empty Chemical Containers⁶

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411 (1) Empty chemical containers shall be handled by the following options:

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413 (a) Containers that previously contained acute hazardous (P-list) waste (6 CCR 1007-3,
414 261.33) shall be turned in as chemical waste or reused only to contain the original
415 chemical;

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417 (b) Empty chemical containers, other than those that previously contained an acute
418 hazardous waste, may be disposed to municipal solid waste (trash) if the following
419 conditions are met:

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421 i. All contents that may be removed by “typical” methods such as pouring,
422 pumping, aspirating, draining or pipetting are removed;

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424 ii. The label is removed or obscured; and

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426 iii. The container is clearly marked as “empty”.

⁶ A chemical container is considered empty when no chemical can be removed from the container by normal physical means (*e.g.* pouring, aspirating, or draining).

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428 (c) Empty containers may be turned in as chemical waste under the conditions listed
429 below:
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431 i. The caps shall be left on the empty containers.
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433 ii. "Empty" shall be written across the container labels using a heavy black
434 marker.
435
436 (d) Empty chemical containers may be reused to collect chemical wastes that are
437 compatible with the original contents of the container and the container material; and
438
439 i. The containers shall be labeled with the appropriate waste label per Section
440 6.d.
441
442 (e) Empty containers that held non-hazardous materials such as commercial cleaners,
443 polishes, *etc.*, may be disposed with regular trash.
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- 445 f. Used Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
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447 (1) Personal protective equipment may be required to be managed as hazardous waste if
448 contaminated with certain hazardous wastes. Under the following conditions, used PPE
449 shall be managed as hazardous waste:
450
451 (a) Contaminated with acute hazardous waste as defined under 6 CCR 1007-3, 261.33;
452
453 (b) Immersed in or in extended contact with a material regulated as a hazardous waste
454 under 6 CCR 1007-3, Part 261, except solvents regulated as D001 and/or F003 waste
455 if solvents evaporate during use;
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457 (c) Used with material containing DENM; or
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459 (d) Visibly stained with chemicals.
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- 461 g. Biohazardous Waste
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463 (1) Biohazardous waste is defined in NIST S 7101.50 as:
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465 (a) Waste that includes, but is not limited to, discarded microbiological cultures, stocks
466 and all associated materials, discarded human specimens and all associated materials,

467 discarded tissue cultures and stocks, discarded live and attenuated vaccines, discarded
468 molecular waste, and contaminated sharps.

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470 (2) Biohazardous waste disposal is also managed through the chemical waste pick request
471 system. For specific information on the requirements for biohazardous waste see NIST S
472 7101.50.

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474 h. Chemical Waste Storage in and Removal from SAA

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476 (1) Chemical waste pick-up requests shall be submitted via:

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478 (a) The NIST [Chemical/Regulated Waste Pickup Request System](#).

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480 (2) Pick-up requests shall include:

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482 (a) The name of the chemical waste owner;

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484 (b) The location of the chemical waste;

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486 (c) A description of the chemical waste and any significant hazards associated with the
487 waste or container;

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489 (d) The number of containers and total quantity of waste being disposed; and

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491 (e) Entry procedures, if any, required for OSHE to enter the workspace and pick-up the
492 waste.

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494 (3) Chemical waste owners shall schedule waste pick-ups as needed to minimize the risks of
495 accumulating chemical wastes for extended periods of time;⁷

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497 (4) In general, chemical waste should not remain in storage at an SAA for more than one
498 year;

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500 (5) If chemical waste needs to be removed immediately, OSHE shall be contacted at x5375,
501 option 3;

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503 (6) An SAA does not need to be established for the pick-up of non-routine wastes; and

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⁷ The hazards of a chemical or chemical waste determine the safe storage time, e.g., some peroxide forming chemicals may require disposal after only 3 months of storage.

505 (7) If an unlabeled container with unknown contents is found, OSHE shall be contacted
506 directly (x5375, option 3) to assist with identifying and disposing of the container.
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508 i. Inspections by Regulatory Agencies

509 For an announced or unannounced inspection by the Colorado Department of Public Health
510 and Environment (CDPHE) or EPA:

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512 (1) The Chief of BSHED shall be notified whenever CDPHE and/or EPA inspectors request
513 access to NIST facilities;

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515 (a) A BSHED representative shall be assigned to coordinate the inspection process.
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518 (2) The BSHED representative shall:

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520 (a) Notify the affected OU managers of the inspection when permitted by CDPHE and/or
521 EPA;

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523 (b) Accompany the CDPHE and/or EPA inspector(s) while on-site; and

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525 (c) Document the observations of the CDPHE and/or EPA inspectors, including
526 photographing areas photographed by CDPHE and/or EPA.

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528 (3) All NIST Boulder employees and associates shall cooperate fully during any such
529 inspection;

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531 (4) OUs, in coordination with the Boulder Laboratory Operations Director, and BSHED
532 Chief, will abate any negative findings identified during the inspection in accordance
533 with CDPHE and/or EPA instructions and the requirements of this suborder;

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535 (5) The Boulder Laboratory Operations Director and BSHED Chief, in coordination with
536 affected OUs, shall take the lead on all inspection-related correspondence with CDPHE
537 and/or EPA; and

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539 (6) Any fines resulting from a violation identified during an inspection will be paid by the
540 offending OU.
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545 j. Training

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547 (1) All NIST Boulder employees and associates, including those at NIST WWV/WWVB,
548 who generate or handle hazardous or universal waste shall complete the course titled
549 [NIST S 7301.07: Hazardous Waste Generator Training for NIST Boulder](#).

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551 (a) Retraining shall be required when the Official First-Level Supervisor identifies
552 inadequacies in the individual's knowledge related to the content found in the training
553 course listed in Section 6.j(1).

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555 (2) NIST Boulder line management and division safety representatives who have staff who
556 generate or handle hazardous or universal waste should complete the suborder training
557 for this program.

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559 k. Recordkeeping

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561 (1) Checklists documenting weekly inspections of SAAs by the SAA owner shall be kept by
562 the owner of the SAA for whichever is less:

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564 (a) Three months; or

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566 (b) The period of time elapsed since the SAA was most recently inspected by BSHED.

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568 (2) Hazardous waste manifests shall be retained by OSHE for at least twenty years from the
569 date on which a representative of the treatment, storage and disposal facility (TSDF)
570 signed the manifest;⁸

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572 (3) The following records will be maintained by OSHE for at least five years after
573 inspection:

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575 (a) Inspection Reports issued by CDPHE or EPA;

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577 (b) Notices of findings issued by CDPHE or EPA;

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579 (c) Corrective action plans, when required;

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581 (d) Description of corrective action taken, when required; and

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⁸ NIST took over hazardous waste management from NOAA in 2000 so records currently date back to the time at which NIST assumed responsibility for hazardous waste management.

583 (e) Date corrective action was completed.

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585 (4) Records described above will be made available to regulators upon request.

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587 l. Emergency Response

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589 (1) Any NIST employee or covered associate who discovers an emergency situation (e.g.,
590 significant spill or release, over-pressurized container) associated with chemicals or
591 chemical waste shall immediately report it to:

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593 (a) Supervisor; and

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595 (b) OSHE at x5375, option 3; or

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597 (c) NIST Police at x7777 (outside of normal business hours).

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599 m. Summary Reports

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601 (1) The manager of this program shall report significant findings of noncompliance to the
602 BSHED Chief, for elevation to the Chief Safety Officer (CSO) and Executive Safety
603 Committee (ESC), as needed. Instances of significant noncompliance include open waste
604 containers, lack of documentation of inspections, unlabeled waste and waste
605 accumulating outside of SAAs. Reports shall include:

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607 (a) Specific instances of noncompliance with applicable regulations or NIST policy;

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609 (b) Required corrective actions; and

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611 (c) Follow up reports if corrective actions have not been implemented;

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613 (2) The manager of this program shall compile, analyze, and report inspection data
614 periodically at the direction of the CSO.

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617 7. DEFINITIONS

618 Definitions common to all NIST Environmental Management or Compliance suborders can be
619 found in Section 6 of NIST O 7301-00. The definitions specific to this suborder are as follows:

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621 a. Acute Hazardous Waste – Category of hazardous wastes identified under 6 CCR 1007-3, Part
622 261.33.

- 623 b. Biohazardous Waste – Waste that includes, but is not limited to, discarded microbiological
624 cultures, stocks and all associated materials, discarded human specimens and all associated
625 materials, discarded tissue cultures and stocks, discarded live and attenuated vaccines,
626 discarded molecular waste, and contaminated sharps.
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- 628 c. Chemical Waste – A general term used for both hazardous (*e.g.*, acids, solvents) and non-
629 hazardous (*e.g.*, oils, coolants) wastes.
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- 631 d. Designated Facility – A permitted hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facility
632 identified on a hazardous waste manifest as the recipient of the hazardous waste listed on the
633 manifest.
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- 635 e. Dispersible Engineered Nanomaterial – Intentionally-produced materials with one or more
636 dimensions between approximately 1 nanometer (nm) and 100 nm that can be dispersed into
637 (or onto) liquid or solid compounds or aerosolized (suspended in a gas). Also referred to as
638 *nanomaterial*.
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- 640 f. Empty Container – A container from which the contents have been removed so that no more
641 material may be removed by methods including aspirating, draining, pipetting, pumping and
642 pouring.
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- 644 g. EPA Identification Number – The number assigned to each hazardous waste generator,
645 hazardous waste transporter and hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal facility
646 (TSDf).
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- 648 h. Episodic Large Quantity Generator – A hazardous waste generator generating more than
649 1000 kg of hazardous waste or more than 1 kg of acute hazardous waste in four or fewer
650 calendar months out of a calendar year.
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- 652 i. Hazardous Waste – A waste with properties that make it dangerous or capable of having a
653 harmful effect on human health or the environment. Strict regulatory criteria that define a
654 hazardous waste are included in 40 CFR 261 or listed under 6 CCR 1007-3, Part 261.
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- 656 j. Hazardous Waste Generator – Any entity that produces a waste identified or listed under 6
657 CCR 1007-3, Part 261. The DoC Boulder Labs and NIST WWV/WWVB are identified as
658 generators for the purposes of this suborder.
659
- 660 k. Large Quantity Generator – A hazardous waste generator of more than 1000kg of hazardous
661 waste or more than 1 kg of acute hazardous waste in any calendar month.
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- 663 l. Nanomaterial – A material with any external dimensions in the nanoscale or having internal
664 structure or surface structure in the nanoscale (approximately 1 nm to 100nm).
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- 666 m. Nonhazardous Waste – Wastes not listed or having the characteristics of hazardous waste as
667 defined under 6 CCR 1007-3, Part 261.
668
- 669 n. Recycler – Facility that engages in the recovery of materials from universal waste or scrap
670 metal.
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- 672 o. Satellite Accumulation Area – An area designated for the accumulation of hazardous waste
673 that is located at, or near, the point of the waste generation, and is under the control of an
674 individual responsible for the waste.
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- 676 p. Satellite Accumulation Area Owner – The OU-assigned individual responsible for
677 maintaining a Satellite Accumulation Area (SAA). The SAA owner shall be an individual
678 responsible for the process that generates chemical waste in the work area in which the SAA
679 is located
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- 681 q. Sharp – An object that can penetrate the skin. A sharp is often a tool, device, or material that
682 typically has a sharp edge or point such as a needle, scalpel, blade, razor, broken glass,
683 broken capillary tube, or an exposed end of a wire.
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- 685 r. Small Quantity Generator – A hazardous waste generator generating less than 1000 kg of
686 hazardous waste and less than 1 kg of acute hazardous waste in any calendar month.
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- 688 s. Transporter – Person engaged in the offsite transportation of hazardous waste by air, rail,
689 highway or water.
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- 691 t. Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility (TSDF) – A location at which hazardous waste is
692 subjected to treatment, storage, or disposal. See *designated facility* for more information on
693 regulatory requirements.
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- 695 u. TSCA-Regulated Waste – Waste composed of materials regulated under the Toxic
696 Substances Control Act (TSCA).
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- 698 v. Universal Waste – Hazardous wastes managed under the universal waste requirements of 6
699 CCR 1007-3, Part 273, including:
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- 701 (1) Batteries;
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- 703 (2) Pesticides;
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705 (3) Mercury-containing devices;
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707 (4) Aerosol cans;
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709 (5) Lamps (light bulbs); and
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711 (6) Electronic devices.
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713 w. Universal Waste Handler – For the purposes of this suborder, a generator of universal waste.
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715 x. Used Oil – Engine, hydraulic, lubricating or pump oils that are no longer wanted or have
716 been rendered unusable following use for the purposes listed above.
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718 y. Very Small Quantity Generator – A hazardous waste generator generating less than 100 kg of
719 hazardous waste and less than 1 kg of acute hazardous waste in any calendar month, formerly
720 identified as a conditionally-exempt small quantity generator;
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722 z. WWV/WWVB – NIST broadcast facility near Fort Collins, Colorado
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725 **8. ACRONYMS**

726 Acronyms common to all NIST Environmental suborders can be found in Section 7 of NIST O
727 7301-00. The acronyms specific to this suborder are as follows:

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729 a. BRC – Boulder Revised Code
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731 b. BSHED – Boulder Safety, Health, and Environment Division
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733 c. CCR – Code of Colorado Regulations
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735 d. CDPHE – Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
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737 e. CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
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739 f. CSO – Chief Safety Officer
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741 g. DENM – Dispersible Engineered Nanomaterial
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- 743 h. DoC – United States Department of Commerce
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745 i. EPA – United States Environmental Protection Agency
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747 j. ESC – Executive Safety Committee
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749 k. GSA – General Services Administration
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751 l. kg – kilogram
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753 m. LQG – Large Quantity Generator
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755 n. nm – nanometer
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757 o. NIST – National Institute of Standards and Technology
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759 p. NOAA – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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761 q. NTIA – National Telecommunications and Information Agency
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763 r. OFPM – NIST Office of Facilities and Property Management
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765 s. OSHE – Office of Safety, Health, and Environment
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767 t. OU – Organizational Unit
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769 u. PCB – Polychlorinated Biphenyl
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771 v. RCRA – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
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773 w. SAA – Satellite Accumulation Area
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775 x. SQG – Small Quantity Generator
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777 y. TSCA – Toxic Substances Control Act
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779 z. TSDF – Treatment, Storage or Disposal Facility
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781 aa. VSQG – Very Small Quantity Generator, previously identified as Conditionally-Exempt
782 Small Quantity Generator

783 **9. RESPONSIBILITIES**

784 Roles and responsibilities common to all NIST OSH suborders can be found in Section 8 of NIST
785 O 7301-00. The roles and responsibilities specific to this suborder are as follows:

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787 a. Chief Safety Officer is responsible for:

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789 As NIST's designated Environmental Manager, the CSO is responsible for overseeing
790 NIST's efforts in complying with the requirements identified in this suborder.

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792 b. OU Directors are responsible for:

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794 (1) Establishing implementing policies and procedures, as needed, for the requirements of
795 this suborder to be met;

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797 (2) Ensuring subordinate managers have the authority, resources, and training needed to
798 implement OU-established policies and procedures; and

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800 (3) Using OU funds to pay any civil penalties identified in regulatory inspections and
801 resulting from regulatory violations in their respective OUs.

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803 c. Division Chiefs and Group Leaders are responsible for:

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805 (1) Implementing this suborder as it applies to activities involving their employees and
806 associates and space in accordance with any applicable OU-established policies and
807 procedures;

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809 (2) Ensure that hazardous, universal, TSCA, used oil and other waste covered under this
810 suborder are generated are handled in compliance with 6 CCR 1007-3 via compliance
811 with this suborder;

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813 (3) Ensure that all SAAs owned by the division or group are inspected on a weekly basis;

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815 (4) Ensure that regulatory inspectors are provided access to areas under their supervision;

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817 (5) Upon receiving inspection reports on their respective workplaces, ensure that corrective
818 actions are performed;

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820 (6) Make available to inspectors all relevant information which pertains to the generation and
821 management of hazardous waste in the workplace to be inspected; and

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- 823 (7) Ensure that deficiencies or violations resulting from regulatory inspections of areas
824 operated by that OU are addressed in the timeframe required by the regulatory agency.
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- 826 d. Satellite Accumulation Area Owners are responsible for:
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- 828 (1) Ensuring that all individuals that use the SAA are properly trained;
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 - 830 (2) Ensuring that SAAs owned by that SAA owner are inspected on a weekly basis;
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 - 832 (3) Take corrective actions to address inspection findings;
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 - 834 (4) Ensure that requests for waste pickup are submitted when containers are full; and
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 - 836 (5) Directing any questions regarding the hazards of a waste or proper handling of a chemical
837 waste during the generation and accumulation to OSHE.
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- 839 e. Employees and Associates Handling or Generating Hazardous Waste are responsible for:
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- 841 (1) Completing the training required by this program and their OUs/divisions and working in
842 accordance with that training;
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 - 844 (2) Ensure that hazardous, universal, TSCA-regulated wastes and used oil generated are
845 handled in compliance with their training, this suborder and 6 CCR 1007-3;
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 - 847 (3) Knowing the hazards of the chemical waste in their work area;
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 - 849 (4) Request assistance from OSHE with waste determinations, handling procedures, satellite
850 accumulation area management;
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 - 852 (5) Request disposal of waste when containers in a SAA are 90% full or when a container is
853 declared to be waste if not in a SAA;
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 - 855 (6) Notify their supervisor and the appropriate SAA Owner of any conditions which are
856 unsafe or not in compliance with 6 CCR 1007-3;
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 - 858 (7) Report releases of chemicals in accordance with NIST Boulder Accidental Hazardous
859 Material Release Reporting Procedure;
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 - 861 (8) Cooperate fully during the conduct of SAA and regulatory inspections; and
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- 863 (8) Correct deficiencies identified in SAA or regulatory inspections.
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- 865 f. Emergency Coordinator is responsible for:
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- 867 (1) Ensure that Occupant Emergency Plan is followed during any emergency response;
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- 869 (2) Inform the DoC Boulder Labs Boulder Board of Directors of the emergency and the
870 nature of the response; and
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- 872 (3) Review reports of releases submitted to regulatory agencies.
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- 874 g. NIST Chief Facilities Management Officer (CFMO)
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- 876 (1) Ensure that excess property and OFPM-owned equipment containing universal waste is
877 managed in a manner that complies with this suborder, including:
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- 879 (a) Electronic equipment handled as excess property is handled to prevent releases to the
880 environment or other hazards and transferred to the General Services Administration;
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- 882 (b) Fluorescent light tubes used in overhead fixtures (4', 6' and 8' tubes) are managed for
883 return to the vendor;
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- 885 (c) Batteries are removed from excess equipment and managed as universal waste; and
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- 887 (d) Collection of batteries removed from excess property or OFPM-owned equipment is
888 requested using the Chemical Waste Pickup Request System.
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- 890 g. BSHED Chemical Waste Accumulation and Disposal Program Manager is responsible for:
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- 892 (1) Serve as the contracting officer representative for the contract providing hazardous waste
893 management, accumulation and disposal services;
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- 895 (2) Provide support to DoC Boulder Laboratories employees and associates, including:
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- 897 (a) Waste determinations;
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- 899 (b) Providing waste labels;
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- 901 (c) Providing templates for SAA signage and related materials;
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- 903 (d) Guidance related to the handling of hazardous wastes;
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905 (e) Assisting DoC Boulder Laboratories employees and associates with locating waste
906 containers suitable for containing the waste that has been generated;
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908 (f) Bringing issues with the web-based pickup request system to the attention of the
909 OSHE Web Development Team;
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911 (g) Providing printed waste pickup requests to contractor employees and associates; and
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913 (h) Ensuring that BSHED has adequate waste containers and spill control materials on
914 hand.
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916 (3) Develop and maintain SAA signage, emergency contact list templates and inspection
917 checklists. Templates are provided in Appendices B through E;
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919 (4) Perform periodic inspections of SAAs to verify compliance with applicable regulations;
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921 (5) Track inspection results;
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923 (6) Report inspection findings to the BSHED Chief;
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925 (7) Compile, analyze, and report inspection data periodically at the direction of the CSO; and
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927 (8) Accompany regulatory agency representatives during inspections.
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930 **10. AUTHORITIES**

931 Authorities common to all NIST OSH suborders can be found in Section 9 of NIST O 7301-00.
932 The authorities specific to this suborder are as follows:

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934 a. The BSHED Chemical Waste Accumulation and Disposal Program Manager is authorized to:

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936 (1) Inspect SAAs during regular working hours and at other reasonable times, and within
937 reasonable limits and in a reasonable manner;
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939 (2) Consult with a reasonable number of employees during the SAA inspection;
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941 (3) Question privately any worker, supervisor, or manager in charge of the workspace; and
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943 (4) Deny the right of accompaniment to any person whose participation interferes with a fair
944 and orderly inspection.

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947 **11. DIRECTIVE OWNER**

948 Chief Safety Officer

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951 **12. APPENDICES**

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Appendix A. Revision History

Revision	Approval Date	Effective Date	Description of Change
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0	01/12/2021	NA	None – Initial document
1	02/06/2022	06/30/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous locations – “Personnel” changed to “employees and associates”. • Section 5 – Added references for NIST S 7201.02 and NIST S 7301.03. • Section 6.b(1)(a) through (j) – updated content for classifying chemical waste. • Section 6.c(3)(b) – Added v. for requirement to post emergency contact information at SAA locations. • Section 6.c(3)(e) – Added i. indicating the SAA owner is the person responsible for generating the waste. • Section 6.c(4)(b) – Modified the limits from “1 liter” to “1 quart (liquid” or 1 kg (solid)”. • Section 6.c(6) – Added requirement for minimum distance around SAA. • Section 6.d(5)(e) – Added that section 6.b(1) should be reviewed for classifications/definitions of waste. • Section 6.h – Removed the option to email for waste pick-up. • Section 6.j – Added requirement for line management and DSRs who have staff generating or handling waste should complete the suborder training. • Section 6.l – Added requirement to contact supervisor in the event of spill or release. • Section 7 – Added definitions for biohazardous waste and sharps. • Section 9 – Added to responsibilities for SAA Owner (d), Employees and Associates (e), Emergency Coordinator (f), and NIST CFMO (g). • NOTE: Effective date was originally TBD due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was updated on 4/17/23.

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Appendix B. SAA Owner Inspection Checklist



SAA owner
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Appendix C. SAA Signage



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Appendix D. Emergency Contact Sheet



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Appendix E. BSHEd SAA Inspection Checklist



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