

MANAGEMENT OF SPENT AEROSOL CANS FACT SHEET 081312

Aerosol cans pose a unique hazardous waste consideration because they may be classified as hazardous waste due to:

- It is not empty and contains a commercial chemical product that is listed as an EPA hazardous waste or is a characteristic hazardous waste;
- The can exhibits the possibility of being reactive

In order to dispose of spent aerosol cans as regular trash (solid waste), the determination must be made that neither of the above conditions exists. Therefore, all spent aerosol cans will be collected at the point of generation (known as *Satellite Accumulation*) and then, when the containers are full they will be collected and managed by the Environmental Management Department (EMD)

PROCEDURE

- Place a drum or other container such as a box or bucket which can be closed in the Satellite Accumulation Area (SAA), making sure the container is labeled with the words "*Hazardous Waste*" and **NOT** dated.



- The top should remain on the container at all times unless material is being added to it.
- Place empty or spent aerosol cans in the container and replace the top.
- When the container is filled:
 - Ensure the top is secured.
 - Place a date on the drum.
 - Contact EMD at **323-6280** for pick-up of the full container. It will be picked up within five (5) business days.

At no time should spent aerosol cans be thrown into the trash as they may meet one or more criteria for hazardous waste.