

## **Disposal of Radioactive Materials**

1. No Authorized User may dispose of radioactive materials except:
  - a) by transfer to EHSRM for off-site disposal, or
  - b) as specifically authorized by the RSO and RSC.
2. All Authorized Users are hereby authorized to wash contaminated glassware, lab coats, etc. and discharge the rinse water to the sanitary sewer system. No radioactive materials, including those in rinse water may be discharged into any drain which is not connected to a sanitary sewer system. A septic tank is not a sanitary sewer.
3. All radioactive waste containers (carboys, bags, trash cans, etc.) shall be conspicuously marked with the words "Hazardous Waste" or "Radioactive Waste" as well as the specific materials and chemicals which make up the waste. Radioactive waste held for off-site disposal shall be kept in a closed rigid container to prevent leakage, and must be kept in a secure area which is appropriately marked for radioactive materials.
4. Waste disposal procedures vary depending on the type of material, half-life, and physical state. Contact the RSO or EHSRM for assistance with proper waste disposal or to schedule a waste pickup.
5. See the SFA Hazardous Waste manual located on the EHSRM website at: [www.sfasu.edu/safety](http://www.sfasu.edu/safety) for more information on proper waste disposal.
6. Document approved disposal of radioactive materials on the Radiation Materials Usage Sheet provided in the Appendix E, and forward copies to EHSRM monthly.
7. Disposal documentation must be maintained on-file for 3 years after final disposal.