

Chemistry Newsflash

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Yolo County/CUPA Audits

The Yolo County Environmental Health Department – designated CUPA agency – arrived Wednesday, April 29th, to inspect the Department for compliance with hazardous materials, hazardous waste and emergency response regulations.

Here are some highlights of what was discovered this past week:

- **Hazardous Waste Labels:** Be sure every container of “waste” has a label on it. Used pump oil, while it isn’t necessarily hazardous, should be managed as hazardous waste. Be sure there’s an accumulation start date on every hazardous waste label.

And speaking of dates ...

- **Expired Hazardous Waste:** You have nine (9) months from the accumulation start date to move that waste out of your lab. Please be sure all of the waste is within that limit.
- **HPLC Mobile Phase and Waste:** Be sure there’s a tight fitting cap or stopper on the various HPLC liquids. You can drill the appropriate holes or acquire caps that have holes pre-drilled for this very purpose. Parafilm or aluminum foil isn’t suitable
- **Training Records:** The County is looking for 3 years-worth of records, which include emergency response training. Those who have provided training need to have also signed in as “attendees.”

Questions or concerns? Give me a call or stop by 122 Chemistry.

Thanks for your support of safety!

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