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CTAC / ICBR SOP : Biowaste Handling, Control & Responsibilities

This SOP has been developed in concert with Environmental Health & Safety, and is also governed both both CTAC / ICBR and EHS policy.

Title: Handling Biowaste Generated

Materials Required:

Approved DOT (Department of Transportation) Biohazard bag(s)

Opaque plastic enclosure with lid and biohazard label, appropriate in size to transport all waste generated.

Purpose:

To facilitate safety and compliance with University of Florida EH & S directives. Biowaste must be under the control of the generator, and belongs to the generating lab. Accordingly, it must be collected and transported back to the user(s) laboratory for disposal, **excepting sharps hazards** which shall be disposed of in our facility's red **sharps** box containers..

Items considered as biowaste:

All animal-contaminated paper wipers

Animal "popcorn" bucket transport containers

Gloves used to handle animals

Any personal protective equipment (PPE) worn in the animal facility

All paper wipes used to sanitize the work area, surfaces and equipment.

Items considered as sharps hazard biowaste, to be disposed of in sharps containers:

Uncapped syringes or needles (syringes should not be recapped)

Broken slides or cover-slips

Razor, scalpel, microtome, or cryostat blades

Broken glass

Disposal method:

All items described as biowaste, excepting **sharps** hazards, must be collected and placed within approved DOT (Department of Transportation) Biohazard bag(s).

The bag(s) shall be closed with tape or knotted.

The bag shall be placed in an opaque enclosure with lid and marked with at least one prominent biohazard label.

The Biowaste shall be removed to the user(s) laboratory for disposal.