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April 14, 2022

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: Hazardous Waste Compliance Evaluation Inspection
Fourth Notice of Violation
University of Tennessee, Knox County, TN0 00 087 9809

Dear Ms. Prior:

On April 12, 2022, the Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) conducted a hazardous waste follow-up inspection at the University of Tennessee (UT). The inspection was conducted to evaluate UT regarding compliance with the July 22, September 14, and December 9, 2021, notices of violation (NOVs).

During the April 12 inspection, outstanding violation #4, cited in the Division's previous NOVs, was observed to have been corrected in all instances.

Violations #2 (open satellite hazardous waste container) had been corrected for all containers in two of the three labs cited in the Division's previous NOV, prior to the follow-up inspection; however, one (of six) satellite hazardous waste accumulation container was found open in one of the labs cited in the December 9, 2021, and previous NOVs (Attachment, Photo 1). This container was closed immediately (Attachment, Photo 2).

Because the remaining violation was corrected during the inspection, a follow-up inspection will not be conducted. This letter therefore acknowledges the facility's return to compliance. However, the facility is strongly urged to exercise stringent hazardous waste management practices in order to avoid future violations. Please be aware that a return to compliance does not necessarily eliminate the possibility of future enforcement action.

Ms. Sandra Prior, Supervisor, Hazardous Waste Management
University of Tennessee, Austin Peay Building
April 14, 2022

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The DSWM appreciates the courtesy and cooperation shown by UT during the inspection. If you have any questions concerning this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at 865-722-0025 or by email: craig.smith@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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Alan Newman, USEPA Region 4, Atlanta, Georgia

ATTACHMENT: Photos

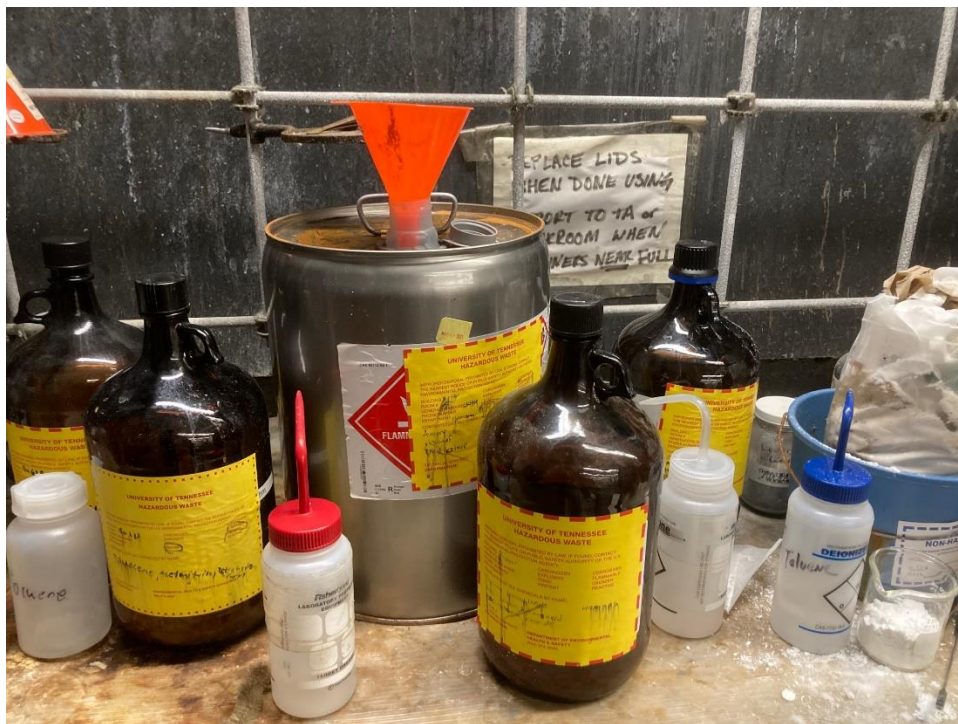


Photo 1, Six satellite hazardous waste accumulation containers as observed in the Buehler 630 lab, April 12, 2022, with one open container (5-liter container, center).



Photo 1, Satellite hazardous waste accumulation containers as observed in the Buehler 630 lab, April 12, 2022, with the 5-liter container closed.