

CHEMICAL SAFETY MOMENT

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EHS Safety Beacon: Over the next few issues we will feature several articles from UD's EHS Safety Beacon. Please visit the EHS website to view the current issue in its entirety.

Utility Shutoffs



Over the past few months our department has seen several instances of laboratory floods from both user error and facilities malfunctions (broken pipes). Knowledge of utility shutoff locations in the lab and how to properly use them can save you from losses in research, damage to equipment, and damage to the building. Please take time today and find the location of your utility shutoffs. If you have any questions, please ask Brandon.

EHS Bulks YOUR Waste



Once a week EHS technicians combine (bulk) the liquid waste generated in our department. They rely on **YOUR** orange waste labels to accurately identify what materials are in each container. Please take the time to fill out your waste labels properly.

If you would like to learn more about the bulking process, Brian Miani of EHS can give your group a detailed presentation. Please contact Brandon for details.

Test Your Knowledge: An EPA random inspection located an **open** waste container (liquid or solid) dated 5 days prior. What is the total monetary penalty they can impose? **ANS: \$187,500 (\$37,500 per day of infraction).** This example is for ONE waste container, how many are in your lab?

