TITLE: FLUORESCENT LIGHT BALLASTS

Regulatory Citation: 40 CFR Part 761

Applicability: Fluorescent Light Ballast containing dielectric and cooling oils.

Purpose: Ensure the proper handling of fluorescent light ballasts that contain dielectric and cooling oils.

Person or Department Responsible: Associate Coordinator of Business Services

Schedule: As needed.

Procedure: Whenever fluorescent light ballast are removed they will brought to the designated storage area in the cellar. There they will be inspected to determine if PCBs are present. Initially, the ballast will be inspected to determine if they are labeled “non-PCB”. If the ballasts are labeled “non-PCB” they must be placed in the container labeled “non-PCB”. If the ballasts are not labeled as “non-PCB” then the ballast will be placed in the container labeled, “Hazardous waste, PCB containing ballasts.” The date must be noted on the label the first time a PCB containing ballast is placed in the container.

The containers will be kept closed at all times except when adding ballasts. Each of the containers will be kept properly labeled and stored to prevent leakage. When there is an accumulation of non-PCB ballasts, arrangements will be made for Central Receiving to transport the ballasts to the campus battery and bulb recycling storage area in the Campus Center lower level. When there is an accumulation of PCB ballasts, the Associate Coordinator of Business Services will arrange for pick up by an approved environmental waste vendor.

Record keeping: Ballast shipping record, hazardous waste manifests

Record Location: EHS – EPA files

Current vendor: Onyx Environmental

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