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## MERCURY-CONTAINING LAMP POLICY

### Policy Statement

It is the policy of the university to protect members of the university community from injuries as a result of mercury-containing lamps and to manage the use and disposal of mercury-containing lamps in accordance with hazardous waste disposal requirements and the university’s Mercury-Containing Lamp Program.

### Reason for Policy/Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to appropriately manage mercury-containing lamps and to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulations (40 § C.F.R. 273) and other applicable laws and regulations.

### Who Needs to Know This Policy

Faculty, staff, and contractors

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## Policy/Procedures

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Much of the indoor and outdoor lighting at the university comes from fluorescent and high-intensity-discharge lamps, known to contain small amounts of mercury. To protect members of the university community and the environment, spent mercury-containing lamps must be handled in accordance with the [Mercury-Containing Lamp Program](#).

The use, management, and disposal of mercury-containing lamps must comply with the following rules:

- Used mercury-containing lamps must be clearly labeled and placed in designated storage areas.
- Designated storage areas must be inspected weekly and inspection records maintained for a minimum of three years.
- Broken mercury-containing lamps must be managed in accordance the Mercury-Containing Lamp Program and applicable hazardous waste regulations.
- All current and new employees who handle mercury-containing lamps must receive annual training.

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## Website Address for This Policy

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[GW University Policies](#)

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## Contacts

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| Subject                  | Contact           | Telephone    | Email          |
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## Definitions

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**Mercury-Containing Lamps** All fluorescent and high-intensity-discharge lights, bulbs, tubes, and lamps on campus. The mercury contained in these lamps is in vapor form and is extremely harmful to humans and the environment.

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## Related Information

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[Mercury-Containing Lamp Program](#)  
[Environmental Protection Agency](#)

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[Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) regulations, 40 C.F.R. § 273  
Hazardous Waste Management Policy](#)

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### **Who Approved This Policy**

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Louis H. Katz, Executive Vice President and Treasurer  
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