

ABSORBENT, HAZARDOUS

POSSIBLE CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN

Absorbents, such as Kitty Litter, etc., may be contaminated with any number of chemicals used in the shop. The most likely contaminants are POLs that may be flammable and/or toxic. Other contaminants include solvents or acetone.

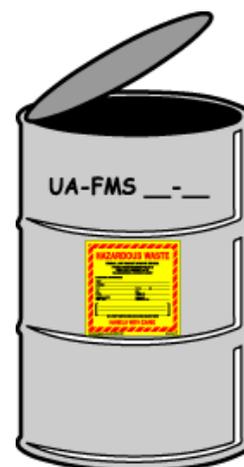
CHARACTERIZATION

This WPS is for used absorbent determined by analysis to be **hazardous waste**. These absorbents as well as those contaminated with non-POL hazardous materials such as solvents or acetone must be managed as **hazardous waste**. Refer to the WPS created for the contaminant for information on management of these wastes as well as this WPS.

POL-contaminated absorbents, such as New Pig® Blankets, rags, paper wipes and towels, and pads, are to be placed in a drum of suitable size and managed as **non-hazardous waste**. Check the Absorbents Non-Hazardous WPS for management of those items.

CONTAINER MARKING/LABELING AND HANDLING PROCEDURES

1. Select an approved container. Use an open top UN/NA rated 55-gallon or smaller metal drum for accumulation. Containers must be clean and free from dents, bulges, excessive corrosion, and any previous markings or labels.
2. Mark the container with the **waste designator-facility ID-container no. code** as seen on the right. Maintain a Container Log in the vicinity of the container.
3. Attach a Hazardous Waste label to the side of the container. Using an indelible marker, on the contents line, write: **Waste Absorbents**.
4. Make sure container is in a proper accumulation area. If the container is located in a GAA, fill in the ASD. If located in an SAA, leave blank.



Put waste in the container. Wear proper PPE listed on the SDS. Document waste added on the Container Log. Ensure lid is placed back on the container. For SAAs, once the quantity reaches 55 gallons, mark the ASD on the label and move the container to the GAA within 72 hours.

TURN-IN PROCEDURES

1. Call your supporting FMS to arrange turn-in (Armories). Call NGOH-IMR-ENV to arrange turn-in (maintenance facilities). If SQG, make these arrangements early enough so that the waste will be taken offsite within 180 days of the ASD (one year for armories/units not co-located with an FMS).
2. Ensure the container is properly marked/labeled. Close and seal container.
3. Armories co-located with supporting FMS, complete a **Hazardous Material Turn-In Form**. Coordinate the physical transfer of material with the FMS.
4. Other armories and maintenance facilities, coordinate with NGOH-IMR-ENV for contractor pick-up.
5. Mark the date when the waste was picked up on your calendar and ensure you receive the return manifest within 35 days. Keep the original and provide NGOH-IMR-ENV with a copy