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Hazardous Waste Disposal Policy

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Hazardous Waste Disposal Policy at the University of El Oued

Introduction:

The University of El Oued is committed to promoting environmental sustainability and public health through the proper handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials. This policy aligns with national regulations and international best practices to ensure the safe and efficient management of hazardous waste across all university operations.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish comprehensive guidelines for the management of hazardous waste at the University of El Oued, ensuring compliance with national laws and regulations, preserving the environment, and protecting public health.

Policy Guidelines:

1. Compliance with National and International Standards:

- Adherence to Algerian laws, including Executive Decree No. 09-209 and related national waste management regulations.
- Alignment with the guidelines set forth by the <u>National Waste Agency</u>.

2. Waste Classification:

All hazardous waste must be classified according to its type (chemical, biological, radioactive, etc.) in compliance with national regulations. Proper labeling and documentation must accompany all hazardous materials.

3. Storage and Containment:

• Hazardous materials must be stored in secure, designated facilities that meet national safety standards. Storage areas must be properly ventilated and equipped with spill containment measures.

4. Safe Handling and Disposal:

- Hazardous waste must be handled by trained personnel using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Disposal must be conducted in accordance with Algerian Executive Decree No.
 10-23, ensuring minimal impact on the environment and human health.

5. Training and Awareness:

- Regular training sessions will be provided to university staff, students, and researchers on the safe handling and disposal of hazardous materials.
- Educational campaigns will raise awareness of the importance of proper waste management among the university community.

6. Reporting and Monitoring:

- The university will maintain detailed records of hazardous waste generation, storage, and disposal.
- Periodic reports will be submitted to the National Waste Agency in compliance with national requirements.

7. Emergency Response:

 An emergency response plan must be in place for incidents involving hazardous materials, including spills, leaks, or accidents. Emergency contact numbers and procedures will be visibly posted in all hazardous material handling areas.

Responsibility:

- The Directorate of Development, Planning, and Orientation oversees compliance with this policy and coordinates hazardous waste management efforts across the university.
- All departments generating hazardous waste are responsible for adhering to this policy and ensuring their staff are adequately trained.

Review and Updates:

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with the latest national regulations, advancements in waste management practices, and feedback from stakeholders.

References:

- 1. <u>National Waste Agency Guidelines</u>: Comprehensive guidelines on waste classification, storage, and disposal.
- <u>Guide for Managing Waste from Medical Activities</u>: Detailed procedures for handling medical hazardous waste.
- 3. <u>Ministry of Environment and Quality of Life:</u> Our policy is in line with the national regulations and laws stated by the Ministry of Environment.