



Stony Brook University
Environmental Health & Safety

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE TIP

Chemical Storage

Inherently waste like..... is a term used by environmental auditors to describe **stored unused (old) chemicals, chemicals in leaking or damaged containers or containers without proper identification.** An inspector who finds these chemicals or stockpiles of them, can cite the lab or area for a number of violations. They can include: (1) failure to make a waste determination; (2) failure to properly label hazardous waste; and (3) improper storage of hazardous waste.

To avoid being cited, on a regular basis:

- **Review chemicals stored** to be sure they are needed and there is an intent to use them in the near future.
- Properly label and dispose of any chemicals that are **not needed** as hazardous waste.
- Properly label and dispose of any chemicals whose containers are **leaking, dented, or missing proper labels.**
- Re-label any chemicals with **loose, torn, or illegible labels.**
- Contact your department's Environmental Coordinator or EH&S (2-6410) if you have questions.

Awareness promotes environmental stewardship... Involvement assures compliance.