



UNKNOWN CHEMICAL WASTE CHARACTERIZATION FORM

Please provide as much information as possible for unidentified chemical wastes. You must complete one form for each container of unknown waste.

Bldg, Bldg Code & Rm #: _____

Cornell Hazardous Waste Label #: _____

(containers of hazardous waste **must** be labeled)

Contact Name, Phone, & Email: _____

1. Have all personnel who use the lab been questioned about this unknown container? Yes No

2. Have log books/notes been checked for information about this unknown container? Yes No N/A

3. Provide a description of the waste container and chemical.

Chemical Description and Container Information:

4. Describe container (jar, bottle, colored caps, etc) _____

5. Condition of container (check one) Good Fair Poor

6. Are there any markings on container (a label, CAS#, chemical formula, NFPA codes or hazard symbols)? If so describe: _____

7. Where was container discovered? _____

8. Waste Chemical is: Solid Liquid Both (if liquid what is pH _____)

9. If Solid the material is: Granular Powder Crystal Chunks

10. Color of waste chemical: _____

11. Liquid is phased: Yes No Number of phases (layers)

12. Liquid opacity: Clear Translucent Opaque

13. Liquid viscosity: Thick (syrupy) Medium (oily) Low (watery)

14. Amount (lb, l, ml, gm, kg, etc): _____

15. Is Radioactive material used in the lab? Could this unknown be radioactive?

16. Is there biological material in the lab? Could this unknown have any biological components (animal, human, etc)?



Any Other Information or Comments Relevant to This Container:

17. Briefly describe the type of research conducted in the lab:

Please provide a list of the chemicals normally used in this research area.

ACIDS	BASES	SOLVENTS	OTHER