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TITLE: NIMH Guidelines for the Use and Disposal of Aldehyde Fixatives

I. General

- A. When working with aldehyde fixatives, adequate certified local exhaust ventilation (e.g. chemical fume hood or down-draft table) must be used.
- B. Individuals working with or handling aldehyde fixatives must wear appropriate personal protective equipment. This equipment will include
 - 1. Lab coat
 - 2. Chemically resistant gloves
 - 3. Eye splash protection

II. Collection and Disposal

- A. Excess formaldehyde and waste material containing this substance must be collected and properly disposed of in an appropriate container.
- B. Chemical waste containers may be obtained by call 301-496-7990.
 - 1. If a standard container is not available, a leakproof container with a sealable lid may be substituted if it has been properly identified. To identify this container:
 - a. With a black marker, mark 'XXX' through any label(s) on the container.
 - b. Print the word "WASTE" on the container.
- C. Complete and attach a Chemical Waste Tag (Chemical Waste Tag - NSN7530-00-L07-5985) to all containers holding chemical waste.
 - 1. When completing the Chemical Waste Tag, identify all major constituents and hazardous components by chemical name, not by acronym or brand name.
- D. Call 301-496-4710 to arrange for pick up of full waste containers.