

**POST-CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS  
WORKSHOP SESSION SUMMARY  
NIEHS NATIONAL TRAINERS' EXCHANGE  
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**1. Session Title and Presenter's Contact Information:**

"The New Face of Waste: Training on the Hazards of Universal Waste"

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**2. Workshop Summary**

The objective of this presentation is to raise the awareness universal waste. Also, this presentation is to understand the training needs of those who handle, store, transport and dispose universal wastes. Discussions are initiated by the facilitator using PowerPoints. Just the basic information should be provided. The class is then directed to ask questions concerning the workers need for training at different facilities that store universal wastes.

**3. Methods**

This presentation is a facilitated group discussion that draws upon the expertise of the participants, allowing them to demonstrate their knowledge of training requirements under EPA, OSHA and DOT worker protection standards.

**4. Main Points**

**Key lessons from the presentation**

The facilitator should ask leading questions until the following points have been revealed, but should not proffer any of the information unless asked.

- Recognize universal waste streams
- Identify participants who handle, store, transport and dispose
- Understand Universal Waste (UW) Rule
- Control worker exposure to hazardous materials through training
- Develop Training Curriculum

### **Responses from the participants**

- Several participants indicated the need to change the culture of Health and Safety training.
- Most felt that the Facility owners or operators would not invest time and money into proper training for worker protection.
- There was several suggestions regarding the development of a national training curriculum for Universal Waste Handlers

### **5. References**

- EPA – Universal Waste
  - <http://www.epa.gov/osw/inforesources/pubs/orientat/rom32.pdf>
- OSHA – Training Requirements in OSHA Standards  
<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha2254.pdf>

### **6. Workshop Handouts/ Resources**

Handouts: - The New Face of Waste: Training on the Hazards of Universal Waste PPT