VACUUM PUMP DISPOSAL PROCEDURE

The procedure below applies to the management and disposal of unwanted vacuum pumps, containing oil, from laboratories.

**Pumps manufactured prior to 1979 may be contaminated with Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs). Pumps used with Mercury may be contaminated with Mercury.** If you suspect a pump falls in either of these categories, please contact EHS at 203-432-6245. EHS will test the oil for the presence of PCBs or Mercury, as appropriate.

**Pumps manufactured after 1979 are not suspected to contain PCBs.** Lab personnel wearing appropriate personal protective equipment shall:

1. Drain the oil into capped containers and label each container as "Used Oil;"
2. Pour kitty litter or similar material into each drained oil reservoir to absorb any residual oil;
3. Submit a completed [Chemical Waste Pickup Request](#) form to EHS to have the used oil containers removed. Indicate on the form that it is vacuum pump oil;
4. Discard the pump as regular bulky trash.