

# University of Colorado - Environmental Health and Safety Guideline

## PROCEDURES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF LABORATORY ANIMAL CARCASSES

**ANIMAL CARCASSES SHALL NOT BE PLACED IN TRASH CANS OR DUMPSTERS OR TAKEN TO LANDFILLS FOR DISPOSAL.** Landfills will be subject to clean-up and the University can be held liable for extensive costs. The proper disposal method is incineration.

**Type A** contaminated animals, including parts, tissues, bedding, etc., which contain biohazardous materials or hazardous chemicals, but NO radioactive materials - call EH&S at X2-6025 for proper disposal methods before the project begins.

**Type B** radioactive contaminated animals, including parts, tissues, bedding, etc., which do NOT contain biohazardous materials or hazardous chemicals - contact EH&S Health Physics at X2-6523.

**Type C** non-contaminated animals which do not contain any of the materials listed in Type A or B above - Contact CU Buying and Contracting Department at 2-6265 before the project begins. Departmental purchase requests must be submitted to arrange for pick-up and disposal services using the current incineration contract holder. Incineration contractors must have an Air Pollution Control Emission Permit from the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment. Type C animals must be packaged as follows:

1. Place carcasses in double-lined plastic bags, not exceeding 20 pounds. Bags may not contain any free liquids.
2. Animals must be kept frozen until pick-up.
3. Sealed, bagged, frozen carcasses must be placed in cardboard boxes approximately 12"H X 17"L X 14"W, taped closed, with the name of the generating department written on each box.

Improperly packaged materials will not be picked up, and a new pick-up schedule will have to be arranged. Documentation must be kept by each department for the disposed materials (quantities, types of animals, pick-up dates, certificates of incineration). Certificates of Incineration must be sent to each generating department and to Environmental Health and Safety.