



Handbook of Operating Procedures

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HAZARD COMMUNICATION PROGRAM

A. Purpose

This policy exists to ensure compliance with the Texas Hazard Communication (THC) Act (Chapter 502 of the Texas Health and Safety Code) and THC Act Rules Title 25.TAC Chapter 295.1 - .9 and .11 - .13 to ensure information regarding hazardous chemicals will be provided to employees who may be exposed to hazardous chemicals in the workplace, to emergency service organizations responsible for dealing with chemical hazards, and to the Texas Department of Health (TDH) Director. This policy also establishes and authorizes The University of Texas-Pan American Hazard Communication Program, which provides information about workplace safety (see C. below).

B. Responsibility

1. It is the responsibility of each department to review carefully The University Texas-Pan American Hazardous Communications Program and ensure full compliance with its requirements.
2. The Department of Environmental Health and Safety personnel are specifically authorized to conduct periodic inspections, to require remedial action, and to report repeated violations to appropriate administrative authorities.

C. The University of Texas -Pan American Hazard Communication Program

As required by Texas Health and Safety Code Section 502.009 and 25 Texas Administrative Code Section 295.7, The University of Texas – Pan American Hazardous Communications Program describes how the applicable requirements of the Texas Hazardous Communications Act will be implemented at UT – Pan American. This program includes information relating to workplace chemical lists, material safety data sheets (MSDS) and labeling. A copy of this program may be obtained from any Dean, Director, Department Head or the Department of Environmental Health and Safety. Additionally, the program should be available on the University of Texas – Pan American website.

D. Emergency Information

In the event of a chemical emergency, call the University Police Department and the Department of Environmental Health and Safety for assistance.



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E. Employee Education Program

Hazard Warning Labels must provide an immediate visual warning about the hazard of the chemical in the container. Existing labels on incoming containers may not be removed. The Department of Environmental Health and Safety provides employee training on a regular basis. This training is in compliance with the Texas Department of Health Hazard Communication training requirements. Contact the DEHS for further information.

F. Applicable References

The following related documents should be consulted:

1. The University of Texas-Pan American Hazard Communication Program.
2. The Hazard Communication Act, Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 502.
3. The Texas Department of Health's Hazard Communication Act Rules, 25 Texas Administrative Code, Subchapter A, Sections 295.1-295.13.

The following documents may also be consulted:

4. The University of Texas – Pan American Laboratory Safety Manual.
5. The University of Texas – Pan American Environmental Health and Safety Manual.

G. Review

This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Director of Environmental Health and Safety.