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## Policy on Waste Disposal and Hazardous Material Management

### Purpose

This policy establishes the framework for safe and environmentally responsible waste disposal, specifically addressing the management of hazardous materials. The policy aims to protect human health and the environment by ensuring proper disposal practices for all types of waste generated by the university's operations, including laboratory, medical, electronic, and chemical waste.

### Scope

This policy applies to all university departments, laboratories, facilities, and affiliated activities that produce waste, particularly those generating hazardous materials.

### Policy Statement

The University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir is committed to minimizing waste, promoting recycling, and ensuring the safe disposal of hazardous materials. The university will adhere to national and international waste management standards to reduce environmental impact and protect the campus community and surrounding ecosystems.

### Objectives:

- 1. Hazardous Waste Identification and Classification:** The University will identify and classify hazardous materials (such as chemicals, biological waste, and electronic waste) and implement protocols to ensure safe handling and disposal.
- 2. Safe Storage and Handling:** The University will provide secure storage facilities for hazardous materials and train staff and students on safe handling procedures to minimize risks.
- 3. Waste Segregation and Disposal:** All waste, including hazardous materials, will be segregated at the source and disposed of through certified vendors or government-approved waste disposal services. Specific disposal methods will be followed for each waste type (e.g., incineration, recycling, or neutralization).
- 4. Compliance with Environmental Regulations:** The University will comply with all local, national, and international regulations on hazardous waste management and disposal to ensure environmental safety and public health.
- 5. Training and Education:** Staff, faculty, and students involved in handling or disposing of hazardous materials will receive regular training on safe disposal practices and environmental impact.



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**6. Emergency Preparedness and Response:** The University will establish an emergency response plan for hazardous material spills or leaks, ensuring quick and effective containment and remediation measures.

## **Implementation and Monitoring**

The Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Sciences and Facilities Management, will oversee the implementation of this policy. Key actions include:

- Conducting regular audits to monitor waste management practices.
- Maintaining a database of hazardous materials used across university departments.
- Partnering with certified waste disposal services for the safe removal of hazardous waste from campus.

**Registrar**

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