

# LaRC ENVIRONMENTAL MINUTE

Standard Practice and Environmental Engineering Branch (SPEEB)

Waste Management

## UNIVERSAL WASTE

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has placed several commonly-generated Hazardous Wastes into a category called *Universal Wastes*.

These items have been streamlined to promote recycling, ease regulatory burdens on generators, and encourage municipal and commercial programs to divert these types of wastes from landfills.

NASA Langley uses the Universal Waste rule to manage Used Batteries and Used Lamps. Please help LaRC remain compliant by following these steps:

- If your facility generates batteries or lamps, call 5-DRUM to request appropriately labeled containers
- Keep containers closed, unless adding waste
- Tape battery terminals prior to placing them in the container
- Document and inspect containers weekly
- Request pick up when a container is filled

If you have questions about Universal Waste management, please contact SPEEB at 4-8058.



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