Memo

To: Chemistry Research Personnel

From: Dr. Peter Wipf; Chemical Hygiene Officer

CC: Jonathan P. Lundy; Environmental Health & Safety

RE: Safe Disposal of Chemicals - Reactives Collection Day; FALL 2020

Note: COVID-related safety practices (e.g. face masks, social distancing, etc) have to be strictly observed both for transporting these materials as well as while depositing them on the loading dock.

The safe disposal of reactive or toxic organic chemicals can be tedious and time-consuming. Procedures outlined in Destruction of Hazardous Chemicals in the Laboratory, the Safety Data Sheets, and the Chemical Hygiene Plan have to be strictly observed to avoid accidents.

In many cases, it is advisable to simply designate old and suspicious batches of chemicals for pick-up and incineration by EH&S. This is particularly true for old metal hydrides, metal(0) samples, and peroxides. On Wednesday, November 18, we have scheduled a special pick-up for hazardous, suspect or simply undesirable chemicals at Chevron on the 2nd floor loading dock. Please drop off all old or otherwise unusable or dangerous specimens from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

EH&S Hazardous Materials Specialists will be available to collect these chemicals. You can also unload any unlabeled containers for disposal at this time. This is a particularly good opportunity to move old, suspicious, or unknown batches of chemicals out of the lab, including peroxide forming chemicals & lecture bottles.

Please take advantage of this collection and help prevent future accidents.