



Results of Hospital Assessment Project

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Project Summary

- Interns collected basic environmental compliance and pollution prevention indicator data
- States/hospitals participating:
CT: 9 hospitals RI: 8 hospitals NH: 8 hospitals
- Report available at
<http://www.unh.edu/p2/nhppp/i2003.html>



CT Data Collected RCRA

- Not all hospitals had a waste determination on file (5/yes; 2/some; 2/no)
- All hospital indicated that:
 - Satellite containers properly marked and identified
 - Containers in good condition
 - Containers kept closed
 - Trained staff on hazardous waste



CT Data Collected –EPCRA

- 6 hospitals did not know if they had Extremely Hazardous Substances over threshold amounts
- 8 hospitals indicated that over 10,000lbs of product with MSDS
- 8 hospitals indicated that they submitted Tier 2 Forms



CT Data Collected: SPCC

- 5 hospitals indicated over threshold amounts for above ground storage
- 5 hospitals indicated they had plans



CT Data Collected – Universal Waste and One Plan

- **Universal Waste**

All hospitals indicated separate

Most hospitals labeled (8) and dated (7)

- **One Plan- Integrated Contingency Plan**

One hospital indicated they had used this option



CT Data Collected - USTs

- Six hospital stored hazardous substances in USTs
- Four hospitals had records of monthly leak detection



CT Data Collected - Mercury

- 8 conducted mercury (Hg) assessment
- all 9 replaced Hg blood pressure units
- all 9 replaced thermometers for patients and outpatients
- 5 have identified lab chemicals with mercury
- 3 have replaced Hg lab chemicals
- Only 2 hospitals purchase some Hg equipment



CT Data – Solid Waste

- **Donate/Compost**

- Edible food (1)

- Office Equipment (2)

- Medical Device/equipment (5)



CT Data - Recycling

- Cardboard (9)
- Paper, white (8)
- Toner cartridges (7)
- Silver recovery (7)
- Fluorescents (7)
- Paper, color (6)
- Steel/aluminum Cans (6)
- Scrap metal (6)
- Newspaper (5)
- Motor Oil (5)
- Ink jet cartridges (4)
- X-ray films (4)



CT Data - Recycling

- Ni Cd batteries (4)
- Pb Acid Batteries (4)
- Pallets (4)
- Glass (4)
- Hg batteries (3)
- Boxboard (2)
- Foam peanuts (2)
- Expired pharm. (2)
- Solvent (1)
- Plastics (1)
- Lead aprons (1)
- C/D waste (1)



CT Data – No Recycling reported

Tyvek

Mattresses

Printer ribbons

Ice packs/coolers

- Sharps
- Shrink Wrap
- Grass/Leaves



Recycling Opportunities

- Boxboard
- Batteries (*can be universal waste*)
 - Nickel Cadmium, Lead, Mercury
- C/D waste
- Expired pharmaceuticals (reverse distribution)



CT Data - Reuse

- Linens (84%)
- Patient dishware (75%)
- Baking Pans (57%)
- Metal Trays (54%)
- Instrument pans (53%)
- Glassware (49%)
- Surgery towels (49%)
- Pillows (39%)
- Splash basins (39%)
- Dishware employee (35%)
- Patient Towels (31%)
- Cultery (29%)
- Surgery gowns (29%)
- Surgery drapes (29%)
- Exam gowns (29%)
- Ambu bags (24%)
- Pulse Oximeters (24%)
- Mattress overlays (14%)
- Underpads (9%)



CT Data – No Reuse

Water pitchers

Bath Basins

Urinals

Vaginal speculums

Medicine cups

Ventilator tubing

Suture removal



No CT Reuse Compared to NH and RI data

NH

Water pitchers (23%)

Bed Pans (0%)

Urinals (0%)

Suture removal (3%)

Vaginal speculums
(33%)

RI

Water pitchers (12%)

Bed Pans (37%)

Urinals (18%)

Suture removal (22%)

Vaginal speculums
(25%)



Reuse data compared

- NH hospitals reported over 90%

Dishware patient-95%

baking pans- 98%

metal trays- 99%

pillows- 94%

patient towels – 99%

linens – 98%

instrument pans – 90%

splash basins – 95%

RI Hospitals reported over 90%

Pillows- 99%

Patient towels – 99%



CT Data - Purchasing

- **Shipping containers**

2 hospitals receive supplies in reusable containers (3 didn't know; 4 no)

- **Office paper: 30% recycled content**

5 hospitals yes; 2 don't know; 2 no

- **Ethylene Oxide**

7 hospitals use; 5 evaluated alternatives



CT Data – Energy

- All hospitals have done energy management review within last 3 years
- Used EPA benchmarking tool
3 hospitals yes; 6 no



EnergyStar Equipment

- Computers, Monitors (4)
- Copiers, Exit Signs, Refrigerator (3)
- TVs, Printers, Dishwashers (2)
- Transformers, Fax machine (1)

- Scanners, Water Coolers, Roofing, Multifunction devices (0)



CT Data - Water

- 8 hospitals assessed water use
- 6 reported implementing a water conservation program



Follow up

- **New England Recycling Project**
 - Intern working through April 2004

Thanks for your participation in this project!