

New Mexico State University Environmental Health & Safety Services

Environmental Health & Safety Department provides comprehensive services for New Mexico State University. The tangible safety and environmental services supported through central funding include the following:

1. Annual shop safety inspections with written reports provided to the customer.
2. Annual chemical laboratory safety inspections with written reports provided to the customer.
3. Semi-annual radioactive material laboratory safety inspections with written reports provided to the customer.
4. Annual x-ray machine inspections with written reports provided to the customer.
5. Semi-annual leak testing of sealed radioactive sources.
6. Periodic general building safety inspections with written reports provided to the customer.
7. Full hazardous waste disposal services including the collection, processing and disposal of chemical, biological, radioactive, universal and other special hazardous wastes for main campus customers and consultation and coordination are services provided to off-campus facilities.
8. Coordination of disposal of equipment containing radioactive sources and radiation producing equipment (i.e. x-ray machines).
9. Full hazardous material shipping services for main campus customers and consulting services for off-campus facilities.
10. Development and delivery of a variety of employee safety training classes with exception of Defensive Driving, all are free. Current classes offered are [listed at http://safety.nmsu.edu/training/ehs-class-descriptions/](http://safety.nmsu.edu/training/ehs-class-descriptions/).
11. Employee safety training record management, in coordination with Training Central.
12. Maintaining a university-wide inventory tracking system for hazardous chemicals (<http://safety.nmsu.edu/chemical-waste-management/inventory-link/>).
13. Maintaining a university-wide inventory tracking system for licensed radioactive material and radiation-producing equipment.
14. Hazardous materials spill response in accordance with NMSU's [All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan](#) and NMSU [Hazardous Spill Procedures](#) as well as consulting services for off-campus facilities.
15. Indoor air quality investigations, upon complaints or request.
16. Asbestos investigation, identification and removal services for main campus.
17. Investigations of other, miscellaneous environment, health or safety concerns and complaints, upon request.
18. Review, investigation as needed and summary of NMSU employee injury reports submitted through the State Worker Compensation process or other employee injury reporting processes.
19. Review or investigation of non-NMSU employees injured at NMSU, upon request.
20. Investigation of reports of actual or potential personnel chemical exposures to and other reports of serious safety incidents.
21. Radiation safety services and compliance program for radiation producing equipment and radioactive materials.
22. NMSU facility environmental compliance services and compliance program related to Title V Air permits, CFC's, generators, wastewater permit, drinking water monitoring oversight, former landfill closure, stormwater permit, and Spill Prevention Controls and Countermeasures.
23. Regulatory permits and licenses for NMSU Las Cruces campus operations.
24. Review experimental safety plans and general safety plans.
25. Consulting services for compliance with identified environmental health and safety issues.
26. Interaction with external regulatory agencies and facilitating solutions for resolution of issues.

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The scope of services not included in central funding are deemed special services outside of what is routine and customary. Special service expenses will be paid by the customer after the fact. In cases where regulatory compliance is at stake, EH&S will initiate corrective actions and the responsible Colleges/Departments/Affiliates will be billed after the fact (Examples: lab decommissioning, hazardous waste identification/disposal). Special services include the following:

1. Consulting and minimum safety services for off-campus facilities is provided but not fully funded.
2. Identification, processing and disposal of unlabeled containers of unknown chemicals turned into EH&S for disposal as hazardous waste.
3. Laboratory decommissioning that requires EH&S personnel to clean-out, organize, redistribute or dispose of a large number of items at one time.
4. Analytical fees for laboratory analyses and specialized supply expenses related to the disposal of wastes.
5. Disposal of hazardous waste / materials from locations not associated with NMSU Las Cruces campus facility (the 5 mile rule applies).
6. Disposal of hazardous waste / materials resulting from capital projects, building remodel, renovation, construction, equipment changes and sump clean out.
7. Regulatory permits and license fees from locations not contiguous with NMSU Las Cruces campus.
8. Clean up of large spills, environmental contamination and hazardous material disposal costs that are the result of non-compliant activities.
9. Extraordinary emergency response and/or spill clean-up for major incidents including but not fire, flood, explosion, structural failure, etc.
10. Air quality analyses performed by external consultants.
11. Management of hazardous materials/waste containers unsuitable for transport.
12. Management of shock sensitive chemicals; explosive material requires prior approval through experimental safety plan.
13. Management of mercury oxides and mercury chlorides (compounds or salts).
14. Disposal of gas cylinders with inoperable valves.
15. Disposal of sludge and ashes from facility operations.
16. Disposal of dioxin precursor wastes.
17. Disposal of controlled substances that must have individualized disposal and cannot be mixed.
18. Penalties resulting from regulatory non-compliance violations.

Hazardous Materials: "Hazardous Materials" means any hazardous or toxic substance, material or waste which is or becomes regulated by any agency, department, commission, or other federal, state or local governmental or regulatory authority having or claiming jurisdiction over the premises or the conduct of the business or operation therein, including, without limitation, any material substance which is: (i) now or at any time hereafter defined as or declared to be "hazardous," "toxic," or any other word, phrase or term intended to denote materials and/or substances which are considered to be health risks, which are not to be released into the environment or the use, storage and disposal of which are regulated by any governmental agency.