# UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA Occupational Health, Safety and Environment

## **Chemical Safety - Special Hazards**

# Safe Work Procedure (SWP – 008) Stench Chemicals

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- Wide mouth containers labeled as "stench contaminated waste" for secondary containment of zip-lock waste bags.
- Waste containers for solid or solution waste dedicated to stench chemicals are labeled with "stench contaminated waste".
- A container or bucket for a bleach bath to decontaminate all reusable labware. It is recommended

#### **PROCEDURE**

#### 1. Handling

- a. Always wear personal protective equipment (nitrile gloves, safety glasses and laboratory coat) when handling stench chemicals.
- b. All work and handling must be conducted in a fume hood with the sash as closed as possible.
- c. Avoid touching any handles, valves, or surfaces unnecessarily once handling a stench chemical bottle.
- d. Use the 0 Tc 0 Tw 0.9q3h()Tj-0.00 0 Td()TjEMC /LBody 4 6.47/LBody 4 (4.47/LBody 4006 -0.002.) JJ0

- i. If stench chemical is air sensitive, perform this step a glove box and purge the glove box atmosphere.
- b. Ensure caps of stench chemical bottles are tight.
- c. Use Teflon or Parafilm tape to seal caps of stench chemical bottles.
- d. When storing in a non-ventilated cabinet (such as a flammable cabinet), use a secondary container to store stench chemical bottles, examples include
  - i. a wide mouth air tight container or
  - ii. a dedicated plastic desiccator devoted to stench chemical storage
- e. When using a secondary container for storage, ensure to only open the secondary container in a well ventilated workspace such as a fume hood

#### 3. Spills

- a. Follow OHSE's general spill response instructions
- b. Do not attempt to clean up any spill if

- c. Clean all labware after bleach soak as per regular cleaning methods.
- d. Dispose all bleach cleaned disposable material in appropriate containers.

### 5. First Aid and Emergencies

- a. Call 911 to summon an ambulance if there is a medical emergency.
- b. Call Campus Security at 250-721-7599 for first aid.
- c. If material has contacted the eyes, use emergency eyewash and flush for at least 15-20 minutes.
- d. Fartskin (co)ritaute, slush affected area with runn AMCID 1dg1ate cfo ct easthw5-