

# Radioactive Material Waste Disposal

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## Introduction

Radioactive waste is any unwanted radiation producing device or unwanted radioactive material including chemicals, naturally occurring radioactive materials, contaminated items, and equipment containing embedded radioactive sources. The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), by agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Agency (NRC), regulates the disposal of radioactive waste in Iowa.

The Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) is responsible for ensuring that radioactive materials and radiation producing devices are disposed of properly. The Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) manages the radioactive waste with guidance from the RSC. EH&S collects, manages, and disposes of all radioactive waste generated at Iowa State University.

## Policy Statement

University personnel shall adhere to the requirements of ISU's *Waste and Recycling Guidelines* and *Radioactive Materials Safety Manual* for the disposal of radioactive material waste.

## Resources

### Links

- [EH&S Radioactive Materials](#)
- [ISU Radioactive Materials Safety Manual](#)
- [EH&S Waste Removal](#)
- [ISU Waste and Recycling Guidelines](#)
- [Radiation Safety Committee – Office for Responsible Research](#)