

# TRAINING WASTE GENERATORS: THE FIRST RESPONDER IN PROPER WASTE MANAGEMENT

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## ABSTRACT

Dealing with waste effectively requires a "cradle to grave" approach to waste management. The first step in that chain of custody is the waste generator. The waste generator plays the key role in the correct identification, packaging, and disposal of waste. The Technical Resources and Training Section at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) has developed several short training programs for waste generators. This training presents a consistent approach to proper handling of waste within the ORNL waste management system. This training has been developed for generators of three target waste generating groups:

- Solid Low-Level Radioactive Waste
- Hazardous and Mixed Waste
- Transuranic Waste

In addition to the above, a Waste Minimization training program has been developed for use by all organizations at ORNL who generate any type of hazardous waste.

These training programs represent a combined effort of the training staff and the technical staff to assure that all ORNL staff accept their responsibility for handling all types of radioactive and hazardous wastes correctly from its generation to its disposal.

## INTRODUCTION

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