# **Radioactive Waste Disposal Guidelines**

## **General Requirements**

- Use the Health Physics Assistant to request a radioactive waste pickup.
- A completed Radioactive Waste Report form must accompany all waste. The form will be generated through the Health Physics Assistant's waste pickup system.
- Keep waste types (e.g., solids, liquids, etc.) separated. Keep aqueous separate from organic liquids.
- Keep radionuclides separate (e.g., <sup>32</sup>P and <sup>35</sup>S wastes should be segregated).
- Solid waste must be in a yellow bag. The bag must be placed in a cardboard box.
- Radioactive waste bags, carboys, and containers may be requested via waste pickup order through the Health Physics Assistant.



### Solid Waste

- Use yellow bags for waste.
- Package sharps inside plastic / cardboard containers.
- No lead pigs, no liquids -- package these separately.
- Box or bag must be labeled with a Radioactive Waste report.
- Boxes must be smaller than 14" x 24"



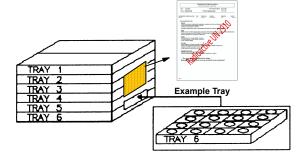
# **Small Volume Liquid Wastes**

- Except for carboys, liquid containers should be larger than 500ml and smaller than 4 liters. Request additional containers through a Health Physics Assistant waste pickup order.
- Place caps on bottles and tighten firmly.
- Attach a Radioactive Waste report form to each bottle -- identify all constituents by percent (%) of weight or volume.



#### **Carboys**

- Use for large volumes of low concentration liquid wastes.
- Use round carboys for organic wastes, square carboys for aqueous wastes.
- Attach Radioactive Waste report form to each carboy.
- Identify all constituents by percent (%) of weight or volume.



#### LSC Vials

- Package 20 ml vials in their original trays and boxes.
- Mini-vials may be placed in a plastic bag. Place the bag in a box with absorbent material in the bottom to soak up any leakage.
- Label box with a Radioactive Waste report form -- include cocktail brand name (e.g., Biosafe II) on the form.
- Do not empty LSC vials into any other containers.
- Keep organic vials separated from Biosafe vials.