

Albany Medical Center saves \$1.7 million with recycling of lab chemical waste

Each year since 1995, Albany Medical Center has been successfully recovering more than 50 percent of its regulated chemical waste by operating a chemical reclamation facility. Since its inception, the center has also avoided \$1.7 million in removal costs and reclaimed 147 tons of chemicals for laboratory use, at a value of more than \$1 million. The program paid for itself in about six months.

The reclamation facility cost \$150,000 to build, including \$75,000 in equipment and \$75,000 in renovations to a decommissioned incinerator room. Albany Medical College received a letter from the EPA commending its efforts in hazardous waste minimization and assuring compliance with the agency's RCRA standard.

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