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From : S.K. Lam
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Date : 21 June 2007

Subject : **Rubbish on Fire at Refuse Collection Depot at Eastern Campus**

As follow up of the two recent fire incidents caused by residual chemicals in waste bottles/containers at garbage trucks, two officers from local district office of the Food & Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) has visited the Safety Office today to discuss related preventive measures.

The proposed bottle/container labeling system as described in my last safety circular to departmental chairmen was explained to the officers who were satisfied with the remedial measures and the efforts of the University to ensure safety at work, not only for University employees, but also for garbage collectors who are FEHD staff.

It is understood that no legal action would be taken by the FEHD related to the above incidents but the officers made it clear that instruction has been given by senior management of the department to terminate immediately garbage collection services and to report to the police should such incident occur again.

Your kind cooperation is requested to bring the preventive measures to the attention of chemical users in your department.

Please feel free to contact me at ext. 7864 if further assistance is required to implement the remedial measures.

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