

Deficiencies corrected

UNL close to trashing hazardous waste problem

By Eric Snyder
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is close to putting its hazardous waste problems behind it, an official said.

After being cited for 11 hazardous waste violations earlier this year, the university has corrected the deficiencies and is awaiting approval of the changes by the Environmental Protection Agency, said Del Weed, manager of environmental health and safety at UNL.

Weed said the changes were made in May,

and the EPA is expected to approve the changes in the fall.

"In our own mind they're acceptable," he said.

Most of the citations were issued for the manner in which records were kept and the way materials were stored on East Campus, Weed said.

The citations were issued after an EPA audit of UNL's hazardous waste procedures.

The university was fined for the violations. Although Weed would not give the amount of the fine, he said it has been paid.

In addition to making UNL record-keeping in compliance, the university has hired a person to oversee hazardous waste disposal at UNL and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Weed said UNL produces roughly 20 tons of hazardous waste annually. He estimated it costs the university \$120,000 per year to dispose of its hazardous waste.

The waste comes from campus labs and agriculture and pesticide research, Weed said. Most of the cost is incurred, he said, when

the waste is shipped out of the state by contractors, who dispose of the materials properly.

In an effort to minimize waste production at the university, some materials are being dealt with using alternative methods. For example, some pesticides now can be returned to the manufacturers rather than be handled by disposal contractors.

Weed said a substantial increase in waste production is expected with the completion of the George W. Beadle Center for Genetics and Biomaterials Research in a few years.

Library will offer more resources

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With the newest addition to UNL's Library Indexing System, faculty members and students will have exposure to a larger number of resource materials while at the same time finding them more accessible.

IRIS Plus will allow users to index up to 16 databases with topics ranging from agriculture to psychology.

Users will have access to on-line catalogs of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Colorado Alliance Research Libraries.

One database available through the IRIS Plus System contains the tables of contents of more than 10,000 journals through which students can obtain descriptions of nearly 600,000 articles.

Students and faculty members will be able to gain access to IRIS Plus's offerings through the 19 new workstations that are part of the system. Nine of the stations will be in Love Library, with the other 10 in branch libraries.

Previously, database research was restricted to Love Library and could be done by only one person at a time. With IRIS Plus, databases can be searched from any of the workstations on campus and by several users at a time.

The system installation is scheduled for completion in August, with all of the stations on line for the fall semester.

UNL dean named to Texas University

Clay Singleton, associate dean of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration, has been named dean of the University of North Texas College of Business Administration.

His appointment is effective Sept. 1.

Singleton has been at UNL since 1979. After four years on the CBA faculty, he was named assistant dean and then associate dean.

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