Global Harmonization System (GHS) Chemical Waste Labels

What's new?

- **WHY?** Chemical hazards need to be communicated to first responders using GHS pictogram, as outlined in EPA's Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements
- **HOW?** Hazardous Waste labels now include the 5 most-common GHS pictograms in addition to previously-required information
- **ACTION:** On the new label, check the chemical hazards that are present in the waste based on your knowledge of the contents. *This information should be available on the chemical's original container or Safety Data Sheet (SDS).*

Brief pictogram explanations:

- **IGNITABLE:** Flammable liquids, such as alcohols or other solvents
- **TOXIC:** Chemicals that can be toxic or fatal, such as carcinogens or cyanides
- **OXIDIZER:** Chemicals that readily undergo redox reactions such as nitrates or perchlorates
- **CORROSIVE:** Acids or bases in solid and liquid form, such as hydrochloric acid or sodium hydroxide
- **REACTIVE:** Chemicals that are water-reactive or generate toxic or flammable gases in contact with water or corrosives.