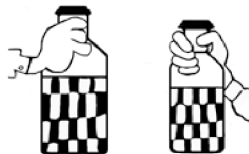


Chemical Exchange (CHEX)



CHEX is an on-line database that uses the Internet to facilitate the redistribution of unwanted chemicals to UC Berkeley faculty and staff who can use them. Through CHEX, employees can search for chemicals they need and obtain them for free.

EH&S collects unwanted chemicals when it receives Materials Packing Lists from laboratories and facilities. It puts potentially useful chemicals on the CHEX list of available chemicals.

When listed items are desired by other UC employees, they are redistributed through CHEX, and the original owners receive a credit on their Hazardous Waste Recharge Account, equal to the amount of disposal cost.

In addition, the campus and the environment benefit by the reduction of hazardous waste.

This Fact Sheet will get you started using CHEX for your chemical needs. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may call the CHEX administrator (510-642-3073) to request a list of available chemicals.

Since CHEX is solely for the use of UC Berkeley faculty and staff, you will need to use your UC employee identification number to receive chemicals.

Requesting chemicals

You may request a chemical listed in CHEX in two ways:

- Access the EH&S web site at www.ehs.berkeley.edu, click on "What We Do," then on "CHEX (UC Berkeley Chemical Exchange Program)," and use the search/request screen.

or

- Mail, fax, or e-mail a request listing your name and UC employee identification number, or those of your Principal Investigator, and the unique CHEX serial number available from the web site.

E-mail: chex@uclink.berkeley.edu

FAX: (510) 643-7395

Campus mailing address: Chemical Exchange
Office of Environment, Health & Safety
317 University Hall MC 1150

Chemicals available from CHEX

The CHEX program separates potentially useful chemicals (mostly unused, sealed containers of chemicals) from hazardous waste in order to redistribute them to those who can use them. The chemicals are held at the Hazardous Materials Facility (HMF) located on Frank Schlesinger Road between the Hellman Tennis Complex and the Central Heating Plant. The available chemicals are listed on the CHEX web site.

When you request a chemical from the CHEX list, the CHEX coordinator will notify you by e-mail that the chemical will be delivered within eight calendar days. If you prefer,

you can pick it up directly from the HMF. The following requirements apply:

Delivery

• EH&S will deliver the chemical if the lab has a safe place to leave it and if the laboratory is occupied or secured.

Pickup

- Coordinate pickup times with the CHEX administrator.
- UC employees need to show their employee ID.
- UC employees must follow the campus procedures established in the EH&S Fact Sheet "Transporting Chemicals Safely on Campus."

Disclaimer

EH&S manages the CHEX program to facilitate the exchange of usable chemicals. Before accepting any of these chemicals, you should check that the material is as described and that you can use it beneficially. Once the material is transferred, you are responsible for its safe use and ultimate disposal.

Problems

Contact the CHEX administrator at (510) 642-3073 or via e-mail at cbex@uclink.berkeley.edu if you have problems using the CHEX system.

