## **SAMPLE/EXAMPLE Biohazard Spill Cleanup Procedure**

- > HAVE YOUR SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL TO PERFORM SPILL CLEAN-UPS
- > TO BE USED ONLY IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU CAN EFFECTIVELY MANAGE THE MAGNITUDE OF THE SPILL.

## IF YOU FEEL THE SPILL IS BEYOND YOUR ABILITY TO SAFELY CLEAN UP, CONTACT:

- \* YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR
- \* CNR BLDG ENV. COORDINATOR X3794
- \* UWSP EHS OFFICER X2320
- \* UWSP PROTECTIVE SERVICES X3456

## AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS, CONTACT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- 1. Put on gloves and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) protective eyewear, disposable lab aprons or coats, and masks. Face shields and shoe protectors are available if splashing is likely.
- 2. Remove any broken glass or sharp objects from the spill using mechanical means: forceps; hemostats; needle-nose pliers; broom and dust pan. NEVER REMOVE SHARPS/BROKEN GLASS BY HAND!
- 3. Contain the spill by covering with paper towels or absorbent material and carefully pour appropriate disinfectant solution (1:10 dilution of household bleach) around and on the spill. Saturate spill site and containment absorbents and let stand for at least 15 minutes.. Take care to not splash disinfectant solution or create aerosols while pouring.
- 4. Remove the absorbents and repeat the step 3 until all visual soilage is removed.
- 5. RE-wet cleaned area with disinfectant and air dry or let stand for 10 minutes before wiping dry.
- 6. Place all disposable, used spill clean-up materials in an autoclave bag.
- 7. Place all durable but contaminated spill clean up materials into a different autoclave bag, (e.g. forceps or pliers used for glass; dust pans used together absorbents, etc.) Remove durable PPE (e.g. safety goggles,) put into autoclave bag with other re-useable items for proper sterilization. Seal bag tightly.
- 8. Remove all disposable PPE\*, place into autoclave bag with other disposable contaminated spill supplies, and tightly seal autoclave bag. (\*Know proper method of removing gloves.)
- 9. Immediately wash hands using antimicrobial soap. Report all spills to your supervisor. Contact UWSP EHS office if you feel that you have been exposed to pathological materials and require medical attention/monitoring.
- 10. Place both autoclave bags on a cart or in a rigid secondary containment vessel. Transport the spill clean up materials to the Biology stockroom, CNR 193. If spill happens during times

when Biology Stockroom is not open, *LEAVE BAGS IN LAB AND EMAIL OR CALL ELLEN JO HOLGUIN*. [email: eholguin@uwsp.edu, telephone: X3794]