Title: Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Plan

Policy #: EOC-03

Purpose:
Materials associated with physical, chemical, radioactive, or biological hazards are commonly employed or generated throughout Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC). Many of these substances are essential to operations. The goal of this management plan is to protect all persons, property, and the environment from the risks presented by these hazardous materials. Safety must be assured both within and beyond the boundaries of the medical center, from acquisition of a material through its ultimate disposal.

The objectives and responsibilities included here are intended to assure that hazardous materials are selected, handled, stored, transported and disposed safely, and in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements. This applies to any hazardous material, beginning with its receipt or generation at BIDMC or associated locations through its final disposal.

Scope:
The **Hazardous Materials and Waste Management** Plan applies to all properties and facilities owned, occupied, or managed by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC), including clinical, research, and administrative areas on the main campus and at off-site locations. In some cases, certain responsibilities under the **Hazardous Materials and Waste Management** Plan are shared with or delegated to local managers and/or outside parties such as landlords, tenants, or contractors. As applicable to particular locations, the **Hazardous Materials and Waste Management** Plan also covers BIDMC patients, employees, clinical or research staff, and visitors present in these locations.

Policy Statement:
Programs are developed and implemented to minimize the risks of hazardous materials and which comply with federal, state, and local regulations, as well as accepted industry standards and practices,. The programs address issues including:

- Hazard recognition and communication;
- Product inventory maintenance;
- Labeling;
- Material safety data sheet management;
- Use of effective hazard controls, including personal protective equipment;
- Hazardous waste management;
- Safe storage, shipment and transport;
- Employee training;
- Response to emergencies including spills and exposures;
- Continual program assessment and improvement;
- Obtaining and maintaining licenses and permits;
- Exposure monitoring;