Purpose:

To ensure that employees and students who handle latex paints understand the procedure for proper disposal and waste management. This program is established to assure proper handling of latex paint waste in accordance with, but not limited to OSHA, EPA, and DEP regulations as well as applicable non-regulatory agencies.

Procedure:

I. **Solidification**

   All latex paints will be solidified before disposal. Latex paint is non-hazardous.

   1.1 Whenever possible, latex paints will be used instead of oil based paints.

   1.2 No liquid latex paint may be disposed of down drains or in dumpsters.

   1.3 Latex paint may be solidified by the addition of saw dust, kitty litter, sand, etc. Use a 50/50 mixture for fast drying time. Add and stir until paint is completely dry.

II. **Disposal**

   Latex paint is acceptable as refuse and can be picked up with other solid waste under these conditions:

   2.1 Determine there is no other use for the paint. Waste paint can be used as a primer.

   2.2 Latex paint must be dried out/solidified as described above.

   2.3 When no liquid remains, lid should be reattached to the can or pail.

   2.4 Sealed cans/pails of completely dry paint can be placed in a Villanova University trash dumpster.

   2.5 DO NOT dispose of liquid latex paint in drains or dumpsters.