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## Stockholm University's Chemical Policy

Stockholm University uses a large quantity of chemical products in parts of its research and education. A number of these could have a negative impact on people and/or the environment. In addition, "Chemical Usage" and "Discharge to Water" have been identified as two areas with potential for adverse environmental impact. Therefore, the University needs to work to attain environmentally safe laboratories.

Efforts to secure environmentally safe laboratories will also contribute towards a safer work environment. Here environmental management goes hand in hand with safety and the work environment in laboratories.

In striving to achieve environmentally safe laboratories, Stockholm University should:

- Comply with legislation in this field.
- Take advantage of the expertise available in the field. Research is on-going at the University into the spread of chemical substances and effects on the environment as well as into alternative substances/materials or processes.
- Ensure that sufficient resources are allocated to the work on environmentally safe laboratories and that these are used efficiently through organised work.
- Not to use chemical products that are to be phased out, when possible. When this is not possible, minimise the use of these and other hazardous chemical products.
- Minimise emissions of the chemical products used to air, water and the ground.
- Restrict the purchase of hazardous chemicals to persons in charge with the necessary expertise. This ensures that substitutions to products less hazardous to the environment and health are made possible and that unnecessary purchases are avoided when it is possible to borrow the product/chemicals within the University.
- Work to ensure that all laboratory work is preceded by a risk assessment that includes safety, the work environment and environmental risks. This is extremely important in order to prevent emissions due to emergency situations and accidents.
- Work to ensure that all hazardous chemical products are stored safely in accordance with the different regulatory requirements that exist.



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- Ensure that the handling of hazardous chemical products is performed in a safe manner both from environmental and work environment perspectives.