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FREE HAZARDOUS WASTE SERVICE
AVAILABLE TO GEORGIA FIRMS

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Atlanta, Georgia--- Georgia business and industry can now receive confidential assistance in meeting hazardous waste regulations.

Georgia Tech's Engineering Experiment Station (EES) is offering this free service to Georgia firms under a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Environmental Protection Division of Georgia's Department of Natural Resources.

"This new on-site assistance program offers Georgia employers an opportunity to voluntarily comply with hazardous waste regulations without fear of citations or fines," says Jim Burson, director of EES' Environmental Health and Safety Division. "It is especially helpful for businesses without on-staff hazardous waste managers and those which must comply with the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act."

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Firms which qualify for this free hazardous waste consultation service can receive assistance from Georgia Tech professionals on:

- understanding the requirements of hazardous waste regulations, including the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act (GHWMA),
- identifying existing and/or potential waste hazards in the workplace, and
- successfully eliminating or controlling these hazards.

"The scope of a consultation visit depends entirely upon the employer," says Burson. "Assistance may range from solving a specific hazardous waste problem to providing an in-depth audit of an entire company. Participating companies benefit by reducing insurance costs and the likelihood of fines from regulating agencies."

Any Georgia firm can receive hazardous waste assistance under this program. Priority will be given, however, to small businesses, firms with hazardous operations and companies seriously interested in voluntarily complying with state hazardous waste regulations.

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