

Another Science Lab Safety Success Story!



Welcome back to our *Cheers to Peers* column – a space to recognize some of the excellent work being done in our member districts. Today we are saying “cheers” to **Snohomish School District’s Custodial and Maintenance division.**

Snohomish district is making good progress by disposing of approximately 350 pounds of hazardous wastes.

During the last two years, David Wells, Custodial Supervisor and District Chemical Hygiene Officer for science lab safety and Indoor Air Quality began collaborating with Elizabeth Jakab, WCT’s Industrial Hygiene Consultant. Although he has no science background, he does have a logical approach and invited Elizabeth to assess all high school and middle school labs last summer. One of the results of those visits, and the follow-up consult, is the safe and legal disposal of approximately 350 pounds of hazardous chemical wastes just from one of their high schools!

David and his awesome associate, Maintenance Secretary, Inez Garcia are tracking which schools or buildings the waste derives from and David even has transported the waste to the county himself. The Snohomish High School, with one or two small batches from Glacier Peak are the main contributors thus far.

Thank you, David and Inez for your initiative and drive to ensure safe and legal waste disposal.