

## **MOESO**

# MERCURY THERMOMETER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

#### PROGRAM SUMMARY

- There are several options in place if you would like to replace a
  mercury thermometer in your lab. If you have mercury thermometers
  that you would like to exchange, please email or call for an exchange.
  - When you call, you will be asked to provide the following information:
    - ⇒ Type (total immersion or partial immersion)
    - ⇒ Size
    - ⇒ Temperature Range
  - ⇒ If an equivalent thermometer is available, your new thermometer will be dropped off and the mercury thermometer will be removed for you.
  - ⇒ If no equivalent is available, OESO Environmental Programs will direct you to vendors where non-mercury thermometers can be purchased.

### NEED TO DISPOSE OF A THERMOMETER?

- Label with the words
   "Waste Mercury
   Thermometer"
- Date the thermometer
- Submit it as waste and we will collect it.

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## CLEANING UP A BROKEN MERCURY THERMOMETER

- If you break a mercury thermometer, be sure to call in the spill as it requires special clean-up procedures:
- You will be asked to clear the area while the mercury is contained and removed. This can be disruptive to your lab, so if you do not require mercury thermometers for your research, consider participating in the mercury exchange program!