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Inspection Report #202518304014A		
Employer Name	Jobsite Inspected	Scope of Inspection
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	3333 University Way Kelowna BC	On site inspection

Date of Initiating Inspection	Date of This Inspection	Delivery Date of This Report	Delivery Method
Oct 29, 2025	Oct 29, 2025	Oct 29, 2025	Email

THERE ARE ZERO (0) ORDERS OR OTHER ITEMS OUTSTANDING

**ACTION MAY STILL BE NECESSARY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE
PLEASE READ FULL REPORT**

INSPECTION NOTES

On September 25, 2025, I conducted a site inspection of the food preparation and services area located in the University of British Columbia in Kelowna against some concerns of skin irritation related to use and cleaning of Sterno containers. On October 29, 2025 I contacted the employer regarding their safety policy/Instructions on the matter and its functioning. Employer informed me that they are currently working on a group education session for their food delivery and cleaning workers and no further concerns have been received.

Background

I conducted a site inspection in response to some concerns of skin irritation from the improper cleaning and disposal of the Sterno containers that are used for warming food. The Associate Director of Health, Safety and Environment and a worker representative accompanied me on this inspection. I saw the designated storage and disposal area of Sterno containers.

Discussion

I reviewed and discussed the following Sterno Can disposal policy with the employer during my inspection. The employer plans to hold educational sessions for its employees about this and other health and safety policies.

'Sterno Fuel Can Disposal Instructions'

Step 1

Cool & Vent: Allow cans to fully cool. Remove lid and let air out or burn off. If the can still has 1/4 of a can of gel left, recap and reuse at another event.

Step 2

Clean: Wear dish gloves, bang out any debris in tin into garbage bin, rinse out in a high dilution of hot water in a sink. Remove remaining non flammable gel into garbage after soaking, spray out if necessary.

Step 3

Store: Place empty cans in flammable storage container.

Step 4

Recycle: when recycle bin is full all cans can be placed in a recycle bag and placed in the recycle bin.

Safety Notes:

- Always wear gloves when handling Sterno cans.
- Never dispose of cans in general garbage
- Ensure cans are completely cool before cleaning or storing.

If you have any questions regarding this inspection report, please contact:

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REFERENCES

In addition to any orders, or other items, and the information provided in the Inspection Notes section in this Inspection Report, the officer may discuss other health and safety issues with the employer arising out of the inspection. The information below sets out the health and safety requirements discussed with the employer, and unless otherwise noted, violations of these requirements were not observed.

Reference	Details Discussed
OHS3.10 Whenever a person observes what appears to be an unsafe or harmful condition or act the person must report it as soon as possible to a supervisor or to the employer, and the person receiving the report must investigate the reported unsafe condition or act and must ensure that any necessary corrective action is taken without delay.	Employer investigated the reported issue and implemented a policy for a safe handling and disposal of Sterno containers by its Food services workers.

Employer #	Mailing Address	Classification Unit #	Operating Location
11284	C/O WCB CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR HUMAN RESOURCES 6TH FLOOR 6190 AGRONOMY RD VANCOUVER BC V6T 1Z3	765010	214

Lab Samples Taken	Direct Readings	Results Presented	Sampling Inspection(s)	Workers onsite during Inspection	Notice of Project Number
N	N	N		2	

Inspection Report Delivered To	Employer Representative Present During Inspection	Worker Representative Present During Inspection	Labour Organization & Local
Adrian Hingston	Adrian Hingston	Julie Forgie McLeod	

WorkSafeBC Officer Conducting Inspection
Harpreet Badohal

*Inspection Time	*Travel Time
21.25 hrs	1.75 hrs

*The time recorded above reflects the inspection time and travel time associated with this inspection report and includes time spent on pre and post-inspection activities. Additional time may be added for subsequent activity.

Request a Review

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