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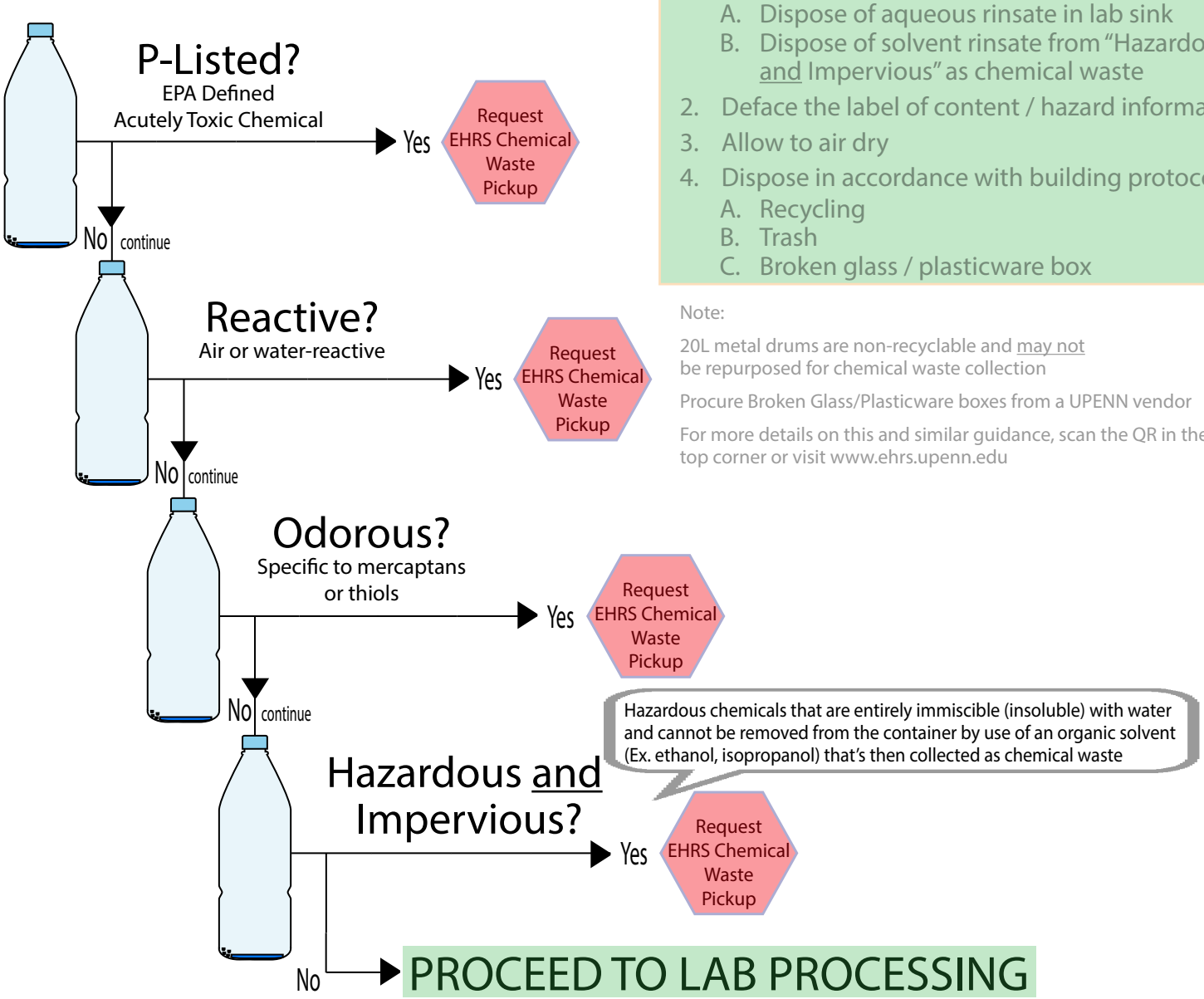
UPENN
Disposal Guidance for Empty Chemical Containers

IS YOUR EMPTY CHEMICAL CONTAINER...



Steps for lab processing:

1. Triple rinse
   A. Dispose of aqueous rinsate in lab sink
   B. Dispose of solvent rinsate from "Hazardous and Impervious" as chemical waste
2. Deface the label of content / hazard information
3. Allow to air dry
4. Dispose in accordance with building protocol
   A. Recycling
   B. Trash
   C. Broken glass / plasticware box

Note:

20L metal drums are non-recyclable and may not be repurposed for chemical waste collection

Procure Broken Glass/Plasticware boxes from a UPENN vendor

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