Incident Summary:
The day prior to the incident, a student decanted materials, including sharps, from two over-filled yellow containers into a third yellow container. On the day of the incident, the student received a needlestick injury through their shoe to their foot. The student was exposed to a needle potentially containing *Staphylococcus aureus*.

Investigation Findings:
- Two Yellow Biomedical Waste Containers were over-filled for at least a period of several days.
- Kim wipes contaminated with mouse blood were a large portion of the material in the containers.

Actions Taken:
- Development of a business case to examine provision of appropriate sharps containers by University
- Assignment of personnel to ensure sufficient containers are available in the lab
- Enforcement of, and emphasis on, training requirements

Key Takeaways:
- Responsibilities for waste disposal must be assigned
- Waste container-specific procedures must be followed at all times
- Waste containers must not be over-filled

Additional Resources:
- Biosafety Program