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Subject: Formaldehyde and formalin use

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Yes, see attached documents

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 - o Getting rid of valve pots
 - o Handling pre-filled specimen pot
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