

HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATOR INFORMATION

Facilities in California are subject to both federal and state requirements. The Hazardous Waste Control Law (H&SC 25100-25249) and Hazardous Waste Regulations (Title 22), includes the federal government's cradle to grave management system. For facilities that generate used oils or recyclable materials in California, requirements that are more restrictive do apply. Information about all aspects of hazardous waste management can be obtained by accessing the state's website at: www.dtsc.ca.gov and by clicking on Publications and Forms, Managing Hazardous Waste Publications and then Documents.

Basic hazardous waste generator requirements are:

1. All generators are to have a written Contingency Plan to prepare for emergencies. Large quantity generators (>100 Kg. = 27 gallons or 220 pounds per month) may incorporate the plan with the Hazardous Materials Business Plan required in the H&SC. The detail of procedures to minimize hazards to health and the environment from fires, explosions or releases should match the risk. Revisions to the plan are called for if it fails, if there are changes to emergency contacts, chemical inventory or storage arrangements.
2. Facility owner/operators may use "generator knowledge" to determine if the waste is subject to regulations based on the information in the Material Safety Data Sheet of the product from which the waste was derived, or by analysis performed in a certified laboratory. A determination may also be made by consulting lists in CFR Title 40 Section 66261.30-34 or by accessing www.caregs.com. The federal scrap metal exemption in 40 CFR 261.6(a) (3) (iv) allows drained used oil filters to be managed as non hazardous when recycled. Under state law in Title 22 Section 66189.5, drained used oil filters may be managed as non-hazardous waste when they are free of flowing oil, stored in rain proof leak tight and labeled containers if the quantity generated is less than one ton per year.
3. Used oil must be managed as hazardous waste. Evidence to show removal of used oil by a registered transporter must be by a standard hazardous waste manifest or a consolidated manifest accompanied with a copy of a receipt for the quantity removed. Copies of manifests or disposal receipts must be kept on-site for three years.
4. Containers are to be inspected weekly and tanks daily to ensure that they are properly stored, have labels with information that is complete and legible including start dates of accumulation. Containers stored outside must be covered and provided with secondary containment.
5. Facility owners that generate hazardous waste must have an EPA identification number. This number can be obtained by following instructions after dialing 800-618-6942, or by downloading form 1358 from the state's website: www.dtsc.ca.gov - find same by clicking Frequently Requested Information.