HAZ WASTE Compliance

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Hazardous Waste Compliance and Enforcement

Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA)

Ensuring that hazardous wastes (HW) are handled in accordance with federal and state rules and laws is the responsibility of the Compliance and Enforcement staff at DEP. This group interacts with the public and with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) branch of the federal EPA to develop policies and guidance, to provide compliance assistance to the public and the regulated community, and to enforce laws regulating the handling of hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste is identified by one of two ways: your waste is considered hazardous if it can be found on lists published in the Code of Federal Regulations (**40 CFR Part 261**). If your waste cannot be identified on one of the hazardous waste lists, it still might be hazardous because it exhibits one or more characteristics: ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity or toxicity.

Hazardous waste is regulated by the federal government and can be found in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), Parts 260 to 271. The state of Florida has adopted by reference portions of the federal regulations into its Florida Administrative Code (FAC) Rule 62-730. Florida hazardous waste rules require that certain information be submitted by facilities that generate hazardous waste, transport hazardous waste, or operate a treatment/storage/disposal facility for hazardous waste. Included in this notification requirement are facilities that manage over 100 kg of RCRA hazardous waste or 1 kg of Acute RCRA hazardous waste in any month or 5,000 kg (11,000 lbs) or more of combined universal waste on-site at any one time. Sites that manage, transport and/or process used oil must also notify; generators of used oil destined for recycling do not need to notify. Your facility might also be subject to compliance evaluation by RCRA inspectors from the DEP district offices. **District** office staff can also provide compliance assistance.

An EPA identification number (EPAID) must be obtained before beginning hazardous waste generator activities, except for Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQGS) who are exempt from this regulation under the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Chapter 261.5. When you submit the notification form, 8700-12FL, your facility will be assigned an EPAID. This form should also be used to notify DEP of changes in status of hazardous waste generators or handlers.

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