

Inspection of Hazardous Waste Containers and Tanks

Inspection Requirements

Business generating more than 100 kilograms (approximately 26 gallons) of hazardous waste in any one calendar month or more than 1,000 kilograms (approximately 260 gallons) of hazardous waste to accumulate on-site at any one time, are subject to Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) title 40, Sections 265.174 and 265.195 (40 CFR §265.174 and §265.195) requirements. These regulations require Small Quantity Generators (SQG) and Large Quantity Generators (LQG) to inspect areas where hazardous waste is stored at their facility.

Containers

Hazardous waste stored in a container is required to be inspected on a *weekly* basis (40 CFR §265.174) for leaks and possible corrosion.

Tanks

Hazardous waste stored in a tank is required to be inspected on a *daily* basis (40 CFR §265.195) for the following:

- Working overflow/spill control equipment,
- Possible corrosion or releases of waste on aboveground portions of tank,
- Correct operation of monitoring and leak detection equipment, and
- Erosion or signs of a release of hazardous waste on the construction materials and areas surrounding the externally accessible portion of the tank system.

Recordkeeping Requirements

Effective December 10, 1992, the State of Nevada added an additional requirement to these regulations; Nevada Administrative Code 444.8677, requires SQGs and LQGs maintain a written record of their container and tank inspections. These records must be kept on-site for a minimum of three years from the initial date of inspection, and must include the date and time of inspection, the name of the inspector, a notation of the observations made, and the date and nature of any repairs or other remedial actions.

Federal regulations define a container as any portable device; a tank is defined as a stationary device. Keep in mind the inspection requirements differ depending on whether you are storing hazardous waste in a container or in a tank. An inspection record form has been developed for container storage and is attached to this fact sheet. Feel free to make copies of this form for your business use. If your business stores hazardous waste in tanks, contact the Business Environmental Program for assistance in developing a tank inspection record form on (800) 882-3233.

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