



PCB/Hazardous Waste Prevention and Detection Program

Applicable Rules

MSW: OAC 3745-27-19(L)

Purpose

This document is an educational guideline and makes suggestions for preparing and implementing the PCB/Hazardous Waste Prevention and Detection Program (PCB/HW PDP).

Definitions

PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl wastes - waste defined in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 761.

Hazardous wastes - wastes that are listed specifically as hazardous waste and/or exhibit one or more characteristics of hazardous waste as defined in OAC Chapter 3745-51.

Detailed Discussion

The preparation and implementation of a PCB/HW PDP is required for operating municipal solid waste landfills.

The PCB/HW PDP must be complete. If it lacks one or more of the required elements, or it is not implemented, it is a violation of OAC 3745-2719(L).

PCB or hazardous waste cannot be disposed of at a solid waste facility. Regardless of whether the detection system works, it is a violation of OAC 3745-19(E)(8)(c) and (d) and ORC 3734.02(E) and (F) if such disposal occurs. Note that PCB wastes can be accepted for disposal if authorized through provisions in 40 CFR part 761, July 1, 2002. Refer to section 761.62(b) for information regarding the disposal of PCB bulk product waste in solid waste landfills.

It is not a violation if the detection system works and PCB or hazardous waste is discovered and the waste is not placed at the working face and is managed properly, in accordance with OAC 3745-27-19(L)(7).

The PCB/HW PDP and the inspection records, generator certifications, waste screening documentation, and notifications are to be placed in the operating record. If they are not in the operating record, it is a violation of OAC 3745-2709(I)(2)(a) and ((I)(7) and 3745-27-19(B)(6)(b).

The owner or operator must notify the approved health department upon discovery of PCB or hazardous waste. If the appropriate notifications are not made, it is a violation of OAC 3745-2719(L)(5). DMWM suggests that the owner or operator consider including the notification items below. Failure to include any of the following is not a violation of OAC 3745-27-19(L)(5).

- To specifically call the appropriate Ohio EPA district office DMWM supervisor within 24 hours of detection, or at the beginning of the next working day if the discovery occurs on a weekend or holiday. The DMWM supervisor will also inform the hazardous waste program of the incident.
- Include the emergency telephone number of the health department.
- Date and time of discovery.
- Type of suspected or detected PCB or hazardous waste;
- Estimated quantity of waste.
- Procedure being used to properly manage or dispose of detected waste.
- Include in the written notification:

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- Any analytical sampling results.
- Time and method of notification of generator and transporter.
- Operator's method of discovering the waste.
- Showing the specific location of the waste at the landfill on a map or plan drawing.

Contact

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