

6.5 Hazardous Waste Checklist

The regulations covering the management of hazardous wastes in Wisconsin follow the federal regulations established under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Most businesses that generate hazardous waste fall in the conditionally exempt category of “very small quantity generator”, which has limited requirements including proper disposal of the waste (see Section 5.3). It is the responsibility of the business to determine if it is generating any hazardous waste and to determine how much.

The questions provided below are intended to help determine if the business has a sufficient understanding of its generator status when hazardous materials are present in the facility. Answers with an asterisk indicate the potential need for additional assistance.

- 1) Has the business conducted hazardous determinations for all potentially hazardous waste streams?

Yes _____ No _____ * Don't Know _____ *

- 2) Are regulated hazardous wastes generated from the business properly hauled and disposed, or treated by certified operators who meet state and federal requirements?

Yes _____ No _____ * Don't Know _____ *

- 3) Are hazardous wastes properly segregated from other wastes, including other hazardous wastes and solid waste or non-hazardous liquid waste?

Yes _____ No _____ * Don't Know _____ *

- 4) Are hazardous wastes properly stored, including appropriate fire and explosion isolation and ventilation for volatile materials?

Yes _____ No _____ * Don't Know _____ *

- 5) Are all wastes properly dated and labeled?

Yes _____ No _____ * Don't Know _____ *

- 6) Does the business have clearly defined procedures for preventing spills and leaks, and for dealing with any spill or leak that does occur?

Yes _____ No _____ * Don't Know _____ *

7) Does the business know how much hazardous waste it generates and stores by month and by year?

Yes _____ No _____ *

8) Does that business know its generator status, and does the business know whether it has any reporting obligations to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources?

Yes _____ No _____ *

9) Does the business know whether it needs an EPA identification number?

Yes _____ No _____ *