STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Hazardous Waste Episodic Generation

Provisions provided in the "Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Waste" (IDAPA 58.01.05.006) (40 CFR 262 Subpart L – Alternative Standards for Episodic Generation) allow a very small quantity generator (VSQG) or a small quantity generator (SQG) of hazardous waste to maintain its existing generator category if the hazardous waste is generated in a calendar month that would move the generator into a more stringent generator category, such as a cleanout or an act of nature that temporarily increases waste generation. These events can be planned (clean outs) or unplanned (accidental spills, process upsets, and acts of nature). Under this provision, generators that satisfy the conditions found in the alternative standards for episodic generation do not have to comply with the more stringent federal generator standards.

A VSQG or SQG is allowed one episodic event per calendar year, unless an eligible generator petitions the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and receives approval to add one additional episodic event during a calendar year. Regulation 40 CFR 262.233 provides more information.

Notifications

- For a planned event, notify DEQ at least 30 days before the event.
- For an unplanned event, notify DEQ within 72 hours of the beginning of the event by phone, email, or fax and submit the required form.
- The generator must include the start date and end date of the episodic event, the reason for the event, types and estimated quantities of hazardous waste expected to be generated as a result of the episodic event, and identify a facility contact and emergency coordinator with 24-hour telephone access to discuss the notification submittal or respond to an emergency in compliance with 40 CFR 262.16(b)(9)(i).
- A generator must have or obtain a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identification number to use the episodic generator provisions.

Waste Accumulation

- A generator is prohibited from accumulating episodic waste on drip pads or in containment buildings. Waste must be accumulated in containers or tanks.
- Containers and tanks must be in good condition and compatible with the waste.

Accommodation services: The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality will provide reasonable language access services and/or disability services for documents at no charge. To request an accommodation under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or Americans with Disabilities Act, contact DEQ's Title VI Coordinator at (208) 373-0271 or accessibility@deq.idaho.gov. Para obtener información en español, visite https://www.deq.idaho.gov/about-us/accessibility/

- Each container must be marked with the following: “Episodic Hazardous Waste,” an indication of the hazards of the contents, and the date the episodic event began.
- Tanks must have procedures in place to prevent overflow (waste feed cut-off or bypass system) and be inspected each operating day.
- The generator must maintain inventory logs, monitoring equipment, or other records to identify the date each episodic event began.

Shipping or Treatment of Episodic Waste

Within 60 calendar days of the start of the episodic event, a VSQG or SQG must manifest and ship hazardous waste generated from the episodic event to a designated facility or treat the waste on site. Treatment of hazardous waste on site must be conducted according to the requirements of 40 CFR 262.

Records

Maintain the following records for 3 years from the end of the episodic event:

- Beginning and end dates of the event
- Description of the event
- Description of the types and quantities of hazardous wastes generated during the event
- Description of how the hazardous waste was managed and the name of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act-designated facility that received the waste
- Names of hazardous waste transporters
- Approval letter from DEQ if petitioned for an additional event

More Information

For specific questions, contact your DEQ regional office:

Boise:	(208) 373-0550	Lewiston:	(208) 799-4370
Coeur d’Alene:	(208) 769-1422	Pocatello:	(208) 236-6160
Idaho Falls:	(208) 528-2650	Twin Falls:	(208) 736-2190

For general information, visit www.deq.idaho.gov or call DEQ’s Hazardous Waste Bureau at (208) 373-0502.