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Commercial Hazardous Waste Facility Inspector

Agenda

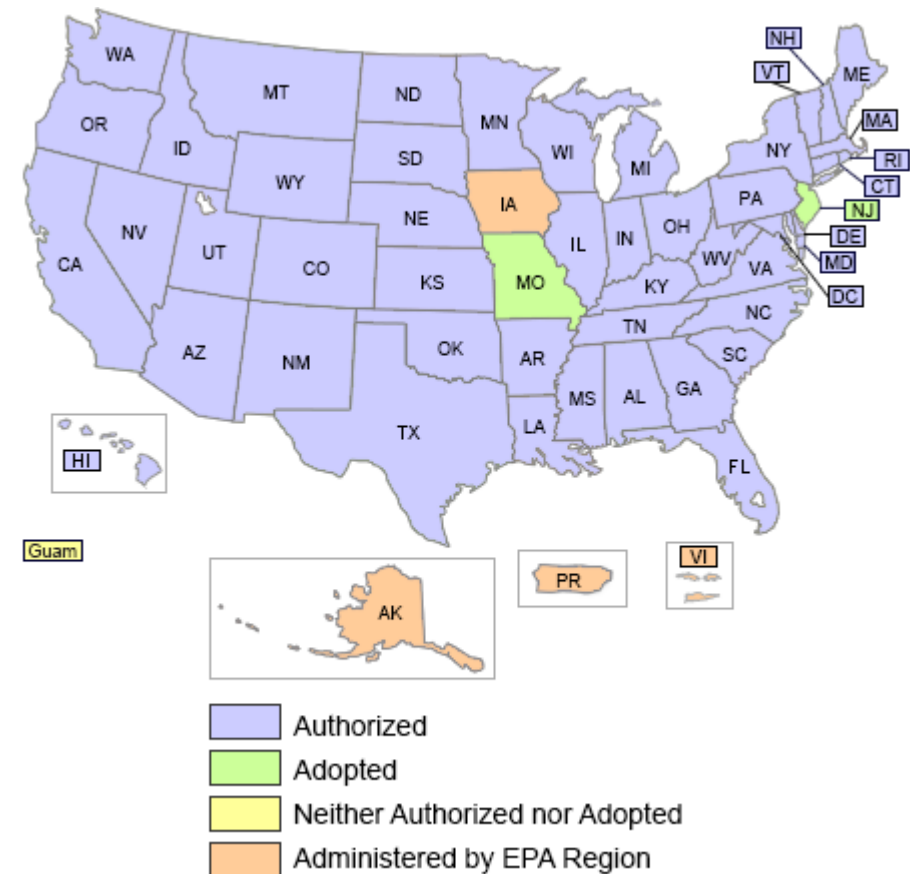
1. Understanding the Basics
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Understanding the Basics



Hazardous waste is defined as any material that poses a substantial or potential threat to public health or the environment due to its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics.

Regulatory Framework



Compliance Requirements

- Proper management
- Reporting requirements
- Recordkeeping
- Personnel training



Hazardous Waste Inspections

Importance of inspections

- Identify & mitigate risks
- Ensure compliance with regulations
- Protect people & environment
- Help maintain safe operations
- Foster accountability in hazardous waste management

Overview of inspector roles

- Frontline caretaker of environmental safety
- Evaluates compliance
- Enforces regulations
- Educates facilities through:
 1. Technical expertise
 2. Regulatory knowledge
 3. Communication skills

Inspector Duties and Responsibilities

Commercial Facility Inspections

- RCRA Permit
- Previous Inspections
- Manifests and Quarterly Reports
- Stay in the loop with permit writers



Documentation and Reporting

Ensuring Accountability and Transparency

Documentation

- Essential for maintaining accountability & transparency by providing:
 1. Clear record of compliance
 2. Inspection findings and corrective actions taken
 3. Reference for future inspections & permit reviews

Record-keeping requirements

- Facilities are required to maintain comprehensive records of hazardous waste activities including, but not limited to:
 1. Hazardous waste determinations
 2. Inspection records
 3. Manifests
 4. Training records

Documentation and Reporting

Ensuring Accountability and Transparency, *continued*

Communicate with facility staff

- Inspector conveys findings clearly to facility personnel
- Collaborate with facility personnel to develop corrective actions
- Ensures compliance with permit conditions

Core Functions of Commercial Hazardous Waste Inspector

Documentation

- Take detailed audit notes of regulated areas
- Document any areas of concern
- Provide facilities with comprehensive audit reports following the visit

Compliance Assistance

- Provide feedback to the facility during the audit
- Assist in creating corrective action plans for areas of concern identified during the visit
- Communicate with permit writers to ensure information transparency

Commercial Facility Inspector

Developing Relationships



Key Responsibilities

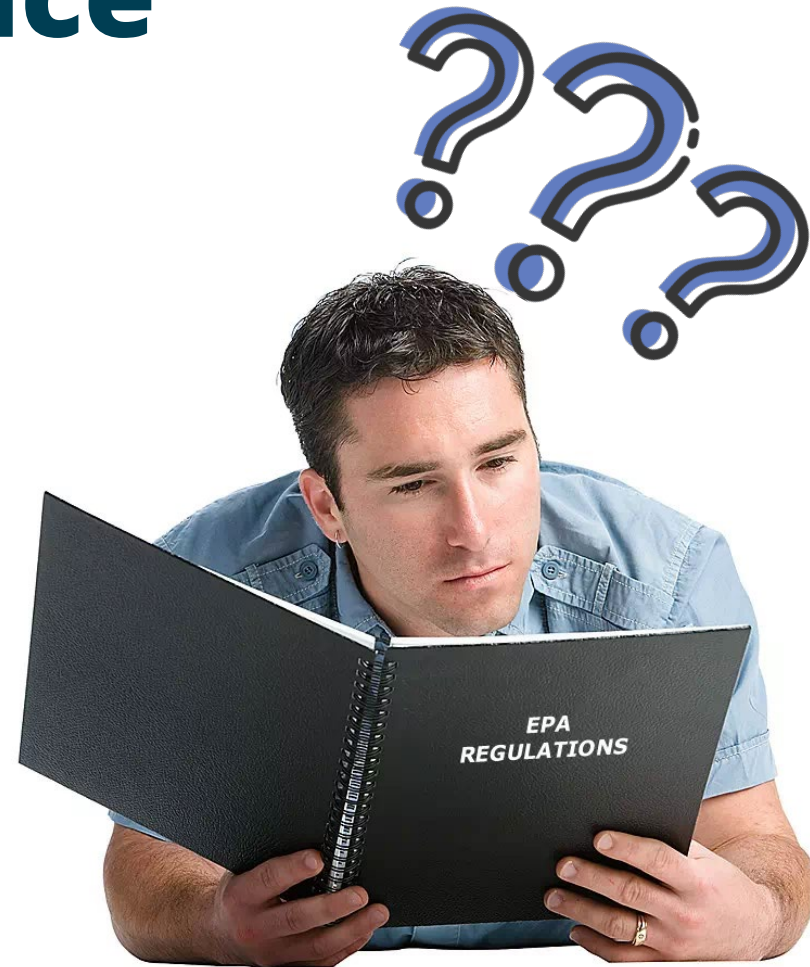
- Monthly compliance assistance inspections
- Provide written reports
- Develop corrective action plans
- Coordinate with facility personnel and permit writers

Compliance Assistance

Every year, Central Office staff will compile a list of facilities for compliance assistance visits.

- Current generators
- New facilities with new EPA ID

Regional staff will then coordinate with the facilities to schedule an on-site visit.



Compliance Assistance Visits

Physical Inspection

- Points of hazardous waste generation
- Hazardous waste storage areas
- Ensure proper labelling
- Get an idea of the process
- Universal Waste

Paperwork Audit

- Waste Determinations
- Manifests/Quarterly Reports
- Training
- Contingency Plans

Guidance documents will be provided upon request.



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