

Hazardous/Solid Waste Management

Waste Disposal Approvals

Information presented in this fact sheet is intended to provide a general understanding of the regulatory requirements governing the approval process for both hazardous and solid waste disposal in the State of Alabama. This information is not intended to replace, limit, or expand upon the complete regulatory requirements found in Divisions 13 and 14 of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Administrative Code.

Many wastes destined for disposal in the State of Alabama require prior approval from ADEM. ADEM Admin. Code rule 335-14-3-.08 identifies special requirements for generators of waste destined for disposal at commercial hazardous waste disposal facilities located in the State of Alabama. Also, ADEM Admin. Code rules 335-13-4-.21(1)(c) and 335-13-4-.26 identify requirements for disposal of industrial, medical, and special wastes destined for disposal at commercial solid waste disposal facilities in the State.

WHAT IS A HAZARDOUS WASTE DETERMINATION?

Regardless of whether your waste will be disposed in the State of Alabama or not, you are required to determine whether the waste you generate is hazardous waste. For details on how to make this determination, refer to ADEM Admin. Code rule 335-14-3-.01(2), as well as ADEM's fact sheet, *Hazardous Waste Determination*. The results of this determination will be required to obtain a waste disposal approval for waste destined for disposal in the State of Alabama.

Reminder

Keep records of any test results, waste analyses, or other determinations for at least three years from the date the waste was last generated.

WHAT ARE THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE DISPOSAL APPROVAL?

The basic procedure for obtaining a waste disposal approval is the same for both hazardous and solid waste:

1. Make a hazardous waste determination for each waste stream;
2. Complete the proper forms;
3. Submit the proper forms, supporting documentation, and the appropriate fee; and
4. Receive confirmation of approval.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC HAZARDOUS WASTE REQUIREMENTS?

ADEM Admin. Code rule 335-14-3-.08 requires you to submit ADEM Form 278 (or equivalent), along with the appropriate fee, to the Department in order to obtain disposal approval for a waste stream. An authorized agent representing your company may also submit this information. Currently, there is only one commercial hazardous waste disposal facility located in the State and this landfill has its own disposal approval procedures. In order to dispose of waste there, you should contact the company first to request the proper forms and receive further instructions.

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*Waste Management, Inc. – Emelle Treatment Facility
800-652-5755*

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC SOLID WASTE REQUIREMENTS?

ADEM Admin. Code rule 335-13-4-.21(1)(c) requires a landfill operator to receive from each generator of industrial and medical waste a written certification that the material does not contain free liquids, regulated hazardous wastes, regulated medical wastes, or regulated PCB wastes. A copy of this certification must be submitted to ADEM, along with the appropriate fee, in order to obtain disposal approval. As with the hazardous waste disposal facility, some solid waste disposal facilities have their own disposal approval procedures. You should contact the landfill first to request the proper forms and receive further instructions.

Solid Waste Disposal

Visit ADEM's web site for a list of permitted landfills.

If the landfill does not have any special procedures of their own, you should obtain a copy of ADEM Form 300, Solid Waste Profile Sheet, and complete it according to the included instructions. Next, submit to the Department the completed form, all supporting documentation (the results of the hazardous waste determination), and the appropriate fee. ADEM Form 300 is not considered complete until the Department has received all of the information needed to make a disposal decision, including the current applicable fee.

Fee Payments
Fees must be submitted to ADEM in the form of a check or money order.

Note
Submit ADEM Form 300 as early as possible. The Department may take up to 5 business days to complete the approval process after a complete and accurate ADEM Form 300 is received. Additional time will then be required for you to receive the confirmation letter.

After receiving all the required documents, the Department will review the information provided and determine the suitability of the waste for disposal in the requested landfill. You will be notified of ADEM's decision in writing by delivery through the United States Postal Service.

HOW DO I GET A COPY OF ADEM FORM 300?

By mail or fax: 334-271-7984

From the internet: <http://www.adem.alabama.gov/programs/land/landforms.cnt>

WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

ADEM Regulations: <http://www.adem.alabama.gov/alEnviroRegLaws/default.cnt>

- Division 13 – Solid Waste Program
- Division 14 – Hazardous Waste Program

ADEM Guidance: <http://www.adem.alabama.gov/programs/land/guidanceReports.cnt>

- Hazardous Waste: The Basics
- Hazardous Waste Determination
- RCRA Small Quantity Generator Handbook

Telephone:

- ADEM Ombudsman 800-533-ADEM (2336)
- Waste Approvals staff 334-270-5637
- Hazardous Waste Compliance Inspectors 334-271-7730
- Office of External Affairs (to order regulations) 334-260-4501

REMINDER
*Waste Disposal Approvals are normally granted for a period of two years.
As an alternative, waste disposal approvals for non-hazardous foundry waste used as fill material in accordance with ADEM Admin. Code rule 335-13-4-.26(4) are granted for three months.*

DEFINITION
According to the Solid Waste Program (ADEM Admin. Code rule 335-13-1-.03), petroleum contaminated waste is any material with a TPH level greater than 100 ppm.

TIP
*Small quantities of non-hazardous petroleum contaminated waste may be disposed in a solid waste landfill without a waste disposal approval.
A small quantity is defined as less than five cubic yards of material containing less than 25 gallons of petroleum per occurrence.*