

DEFINITIONS

This section contains definitions of terms helpful for completing the form. For terms defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), the appropriate citation is provided.

ACCUMULATION – A site that does not hold RCRA Interim Status or a RCRA permit may accumulate hazardous waste for a short period of time before shipping it off-site. The waste must be accumulated in either tanks or containers; it may not be accumulated in surface impoundments.

Generators of more than 1,000 kilograms (kg; 2,200 pounds [lbs]) of hazardous waste per month may accumulate their waste for up to 90 days before shipping it off-site. Generators of 100 kg (220 lbs) to 1,000 kg (2,200 lbs) of hazardous waste per month may accumulate their waste for up to 180 days before shipping it off-site. If the nearest treatment, storage, disposal, or recycling facility to which they can send their waste is more than 200 miles away, they may accumulate their waste for 270 days. See 40 CFR 262.16 and 17.

ACT OR RCRA – The Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, 42 U.S.C. Section 6901 *et seq.*

ACUTE HAZARDOUS WASTE – Any hazardous waste with an EPA hazardous waste code beginning with the letter “P” (40 CFR 261.33(e)) or any of the following “F” codes: F020, F021, F022, F023, F026, and F027 (40 CFR 261.31). These wastes are subject to stringent quantity standards for accumulation and generation (40 CFR 262.14 (a)(1) and 262.14 (a)(3)).

AIRBAG WASTE – Any hazardous waste airbag modules or hazardous waste airbag inflators.

AIRBAG WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY – Any facility that receives airbag waste from airbag handlers subject to regulation under 40 CFR 261.4(j), and accumulates the waste for more than ten days.

AIRBAG WASTE HANDLER – Any person, by site, who generates airbag waste that is subject to regulation under 40 CFR 261.4(j).

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE – The person responsible for the overall operation of the site or an operational unit (i.e., part of a site), e.g., superintendent or plant manager, or person of equivalent responsibility.

AUTHORIZED STATE – A State that has obtained authorization from the EPA to direct its own RCRA program.

BOILER – An enclosed device using controlled flame combustion and having the following characteristics:

- the unit has physical provisions for recovering and exporting energy in the form of steam, heated fluids, or heated gases;
- the unit’s combustion chamber and primary energy recovery section(s) are of integral design (i.e., they are physically formed into one manufactured or assembled unit);
- The unit continuously maintains an energy recovery efficiency of at least 60 percent, calculated in terms of the recovered energy compared with the thermal value of the fuel;
- The unit exports and utilizes at least 75 percent of the recovered energy, calculated on an annual basis (excluding recovered heat used internally in the same unit, for example, to preheat fuel or combustion air or drive fans or feed water pumps); or
- The unit is one which the Regional Administrator has determined, on a case-by-case basis, to be a boiler, after considering the standards in 40 CFR 260.32.

BY-PRODUCT MATERIAL – A by-product material is: (1) any radioactive material (except special nuclear material) yielded in or made radioactive by exposure to the radiation incident to the process of producing or utilizing special nuclear material; and (2) the tailings or wastes produced by the extraction or concentration of uranium or thorium from any ore processed primarily for its source material content (defined in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954).

CENTRAL ACCUMULATION AREA (CAA) – Central accumulation area means an on-site hazardous waste accumulation area subject to either 40 CFR 262.34(a) (or 262.34 (j) and (k) for Performance Track members of large quantity generators; or 40 CFR 262.34 (d)–(f) of small quantity generators. A central accumulation area at an eligible academic entity that chooses to be subject to this subpart must also comply with 40 CFR 262.211 when accumulating unwanted material and/or hazardous waste.

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (CFR) – Codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the Executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. The Code is divided into 50 titles which represent broad areas subject to Federal regulation. Each title is divided into chapters that usually bear the name of the issuing agency. Each chapter is further subdivided into parts covering specific regulatory areas. The CFR title applicable for the Hazardous Waste Report is “40,” as in “40 CFR 262.10”.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (CBI) – Information a facility does not wish to make available to the general public for competitive business reasons. Confidential Business Information (CBI) may be claimed for certain information in your submittal. A claim may be made in accordance with 40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B.

DELISTED WASTE – Site-specific wastes excluded from regulation under 40 CFR 260.20 and 260.22. A waste at a particular generating site may be excluded by petitioning the EPA Administrator for a regulatory amendment. These wastes are listed in Appendix IX of 40 CFR Part 261.

DISPOSAL – The discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, or placing of any solid waste or hazardous waste into or on any land or water so that such solid waste or hazardous waste or any constituent thereof may enter the environment or be emitted into the air or discharged into any waters, including groundwaters.

ELECTRONIC MANIFEST BROKER – A person as defined in title 40 CFR 260.10 that elects to use the electronic manifest system to obtain, complete and transmit an electronic manifest format supplied by the EPA electronic manifest system under a contractual relationship with a hazardous waste generator.

ELIGIBLE ACADEMIC ENTITY – A college or university, or a non-profit research institute that is owned by or has a formal written affiliation with a college or university, or a teaching hospital that is owned by or has a formal written affiliation with a college or university pursuant to 40 CFR Part 262, Subpart K (See 40 CFR 262.200).

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) – The EPA, also called U.S. EPA, means the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Some State environmental authorities may be called the EPA also, as in “Illinois EPA.”

EPA IDENTIFICATION (ID) NUMBER – The number assigned by the EPA to each hazardous waste generator, hazardous waste transporter, and treatment, storage, or disposal facility; U.S. importer of hazardous waste; U.S. recognized trader arranging for import or export of hazardous waste, including those hazardous wastes managed under the alternate standards of 40 CFR Part 266 or the universal waste standards of 40 CFR Part 273; U.S. exporter or importer of spent lead-acid batteries for recycling; mixed waste (hazardous and radioactive) generator; recycler of hazardous waste; exempt boiler and/or industrial furnace burning or processing hazardous waste; large quantity handler of or destination facility for universal wastes; disposer of hazardous waste with an underground injection permit; used oil transporter, used oil processor/re-refiner, off-specification used oil fuel burner, used oil fuel marketer; eligible academic entity managing laboratory hazardous waste under Subpart K; or site undergoing corrective action. Additionally, facilities that must notify using the Site Identification Form and Addendum to the Site Identification Form that they are managing hazardous secondary material will also be assigned an EPA Identification Number.

EPISODIC GENERATOR – An episodic generator is either a VSQG or an SQG who, as a result of a planned or unplanned episodic event, generates a quantity of hazardous waste in a calendar month sufficient to cause the facility to move into a more stringent generator category (i.e., VSQG to either an SQG or an LQG; or an SQG to an LQG). As part of the 2016 Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Final Rule, this new provision allows a VSQG or an SQG to generate additional quantities of hazardous waste—temporarily exceeding its normal generator category limits— and still maintain its existing generator category, provided it complies with the specified conditions identified at 40 CFR 262.232 (a) and (b) for VSQGs and SQGs, respectively.

Although not inclusive, examples of planned episodic events include tank cleanouts, short-term site remediation, equipment maintenance during plant shutdowns, and periodic removal of excess chemical inventories. Unplanned episodic events, which EPA expects would be less frequent, include production process upsets, product recalls, accidental spills, or “acts of nature,” such as a tornado, hurricane, or flood.

EVALUATED HAZARDOUS WASTE PHARMACEUTICAL – A prescription hazardous waste pharmaceutical that has been evaluated by a reverse distributor in accordance with 40 CFR 266.510(a)(3) and will not be sent to another reverse distributor for further evaluation or verification of manufacture credit.

EXCLUDED WASTES – Wastes excluded from the definition of solid or hazardous waste under 40 CFR 261.3 and 261.4. Click [here](#) for a partial listing of excluded wastes.

GM FORM – Waste Generation and Management Form.

HAZARDOUS WASTE – A hazardous waste as defined in 40 CFR 261.3.

HAZARDOUS SECONDARY MATERIAL (HSM) – A secondary material (e.g., spent material, by-product, or sludge) that, when discarded, would be identified as hazardous waste under 40 CFR Part 261. Facilities managing hazardous secondary material under 40 CFR 260.30, 40 CFR 261.4(a)(23), (24), (25), or (27) must complete the Addendum to the Site Identification Form: Notification for Managing Hazardous Secondary Material. You must check with your State to determine if you are eligible to manage hazardous secondary material under these exclusions (see also <https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/final-rule-2015-definition-solid-waste-dsw>).

HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATOR – Any person, by site, whose act or process produces hazardous waste identified or listed in 40 CFR Part 261.

HAZARDOUS WASTE NUMBER OR CODE, EPA – The number (or code) assigned by the EPA to each hazardous waste listed in 40 CFR Part 261, Subpart D and to each characteristic identified in 40 CFR Part 261, Subpart C. The codes consist of one letter (D, F, P, U, or K) and three numbers. Click [here](#) for a list of EPA hazardous waste codes.

HAZARDOUS WASTE NUMBER OR CODE, STATE – The number (or code) assigned by the State to each hazardous waste listed in the State regulations. Obtain a list of the States waste codes from your State.

HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE – The holding of hazardous waste for a temporary period, at the end of which the hazardous waste is treated, disposed of, or stored elsewhere.

HAZARDOUS WASTE TRANSFER FACILITY – Refer to “Transfer Facility” definition.

HAZARDOUS WASTE TRANSPORTER – Refer to “Transporter” definition.

HAZARDOUS WASTE TREATMENT – Any method, technique, or process, including neutralization, designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of any hazardous waste so as to neutralize such hazardous waste, or so as to recover energy or material resources from the hazardous waste, or so as to render such hazardous waste nonhazardous, or less hazardous; safer to transport, store, or dispose of; or amenable for recovery, amenable for storage, or reduced in volume. Such term includes any activity or processing designed to change the physical form or composition of hazardous waste so as to render it nonhazardous.

HEALTHCARE FACILITY – Any person that is lawfully authorized to (1) provide preventative, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, maintenance or palliative care, and counseling, service, assessment or procedure with respect to the physical or mental condition, or functional status, of a human or animal or that affects the structure or function of the human or animal body; or (2) distribute, sell, or dispense pharmaceuticals, including over-the-counter pharmaceuticals, dietary supplements, homeopathic drugs, or prescription pharmaceuticals. This definition includes, but is not limited to, wholesale distributors, third-party logistics providers that serve as forward distributors, military medical logistics facilities, hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, health clinics, physicians’ offices, optical and dental providers, chiropractors, long-term care facilities, ambulance services, pharmacies, long-term care pharmacies, mail-order pharmacies, retailers of pharmaceuticals, veterinary clinics, and veterinary hospitals. This definition does not include pharmaceutical manufacturers, reverse distributors, or reverse logistics centers.

INCINERATION – Burning of certain types of solid, liquid, or gaseous materials; or a treatment technology involving destruction of waste by controlled burning at high temperatures (e.g., burning sludge to remove the water and reduce the remaining residues to a safe, non-burnable ash that can be disposed safely on land, in some waters, or in underground locations).

INDUSTRIAL FURNACE – Any of the following enclosed devices that are integral components of manufacturing processes and that use thermal treatment to accomplish recovery of materials or energy: cement kilns; lime kilns; aggregate kilns; phosphate kilns; coke ovens; blast furnaces; smelting, melting, and refining furnaces; titanium dioxide chloride process oxidation reactors; methane reforming furnaces;

pulping liquor recovery furnaces; combustion devices used in the recovery of sulfur values from spent sulfuric acid; halogen acid furnaces, as defined under industrial furnace in 40 CFR 260.10; and such other devices as the Administrator may add to this list.

INTERIM (PERMIT) STATUS – Period during which the owner/operator of an existing TSD facility is treated as having been issued a RCRA permit even though he/she has not yet received a final determination. An existing facility should have automatically qualified for interim status if the owner/operator filed both timely “notification” and the first part (Part A) of the RCRA permit application. Interim status continues until a final determination is made to issue or deny the permit. Owner/operator of new facilities cannot, by definition, qualify for interim status; rather, they need a RCRA permit prior to beginning construction of a hazardous waste management facility.

LARGE QUANTITY GENERATOR (LQG) OF HAZARDOUS WASTE – is a generator who generates any of the following amounts in a calendar month:

- (i) Generates, in any calendar month, (including quantities imported by importer site) 1,000 kilograms (kg) (2,200 pounds (lbs)) or more of non-acute RCRA hazardous waste; **or**
- (ii) Generates, in a calendar month, or accumulates at any time, more than 1 kg (2.2 lbs) of any RCRA acute hazardous waste listed in sections 261.31 or 261.33(e); **or**
- (iii) Generates, in any calendar month, or accumulates at any time, more than 100 kg (220 lbs) of residue or contaminated soil, waste, or other debris resulting from the cleanup of a spill, into or on any land or water, of any RCRA acute hazardous waste listed in sections 261.31 or 261.33(e).

LARGE QUANTITY HANDLER OF UNIVERSAL WASTE (LQHUW) – A universal waste handler (as defined in 40 CFR 273.9) who accumulates 5,000 kilograms (kg) or more total of universal wastes (batteries, pesticides, mercury-containing equipment, or lamps – calculated collectively) at any time. This designation is retained through the end of the calendar year in which the 5,000 kg limit is met or exceeded.

MANAGEMENT, OR HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT – Systematic control of the collection, source separation, storage, transportation, processing, treatment, recovery, or disposal of hazardous waste (40 CFR 260.10).

MANIFEST, UNIFORM HAZARDOUS WASTE – The shipment document EPA Form 8700-22 and, if necessary, Form 8700-22A, originated and signed by a generator in accordance with the instructions included in the Appendix to 40 CFR Part 262. The “cradle-to-grave” paperwork must accompany a shipment of hazardous waste as it moves from the generator to the transporter and eventually to the hazardous waste management facility.

MIXED WASTE – Waste that contains both hazardous and source, special nuclear, or by-product material subject to the Atomic Energy Act (AEA), RCRA Section 5004(41), 42 U.S.C. 6903 (63 FR 17414; April 9, 1998).

MUNICIPALITY – A city, village, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, Indian tribe or authorized Indian tribal organization, designated and approved management agency under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act, or any other public body created by or under State law and having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes.

NON-CREDITABLE HAZARDOUS WASTE PHARMACEUTICAL – A prescription hazardous waste pharmaceutical that does not have a reasonable expectation to be eligible for manufacturer credit or a nonprescription hazardous waste pharmaceutical that does not have a reasonable expectation to be legitimately used/reused or reclaimed. This includes but is not limited to, investigational drugs, free samples of pharmaceuticals received by healthcare facilities, residues of pharmaceuticals remaining in empty containers, contaminated personal protective equipment, floor sweepings, and cleanup material from the spills of pharmaceuticals.

OFF-SITE FACILITY – A hazardous waste treatment, storage, disposal, or recycling area located at a place away from the generating site.

OI FORM – Off-site Identification Form.

OFF-SPECIFICATION USED OIL BURNER – A site where used oil not meeting the specification requirements in 40 CFR 279.11 (off-specification used oil) is burned for energy recovery in devices identified in Section 279.61(a).

OFF-SPECIFICATION USED OIL FUEL – Used oil fuel that does not meet the specification provided under 40 CFR 279.11.

ON-SITE FACILITY – A hazardous waste treatment, storage, disposal, or recycling area located on the generating site.

ON-SPECIFICATION USED OIL FUEL – Used oil fuel that meets the specification provided under 40 CFR 279.11.

OPERATOR – The person responsible for the overall operation of a RCRA site. **Note:** This is the legal entity which controls the RCRA site operation rather than the plant or site manager. This is usually a company or business name, not an individual. See **Person**.

OWNER – The person who owns a RCRA site or part of a RCRA site. **Note:** This includes the owner(s) of the building(s) and/or land. This may be an individual, company, or business name. See **Person**.

PERSON – An individual, trust, firm, joint stock company, Federal Agency, corporation (including a government corporation), partnership, association, State, municipality, commission, political subdivision of a State, or any interstate body, as defined in 40 CFR 260.10.

POTENTIALLY CREDITABLE HAZARDOUS WASTE PHARMACEUTICAL – A prescription hazardous waste pharmaceutical that has a reasonable expectation to receive manufacturer credit and is (1) in original manufacturer packaging (except pharmaceuticals that were subject to a recall); (2) undispensed; and (3) unexpired or less than one year past expiration date. The term does not include evaluated hazardous waste pharmaceuticals or nonprescription pharmaceuticals including, but not limited to, over-the-counter drugs, homeopathic drugs, and dietary supplements.

PROCESS SYSTEM – For purposes of the Hazardous Waste Report, a process system refers to one or more units used together to treat, recover, or dispose of a hazardous waste. The process system begins at the unit where the hazardous waste first enters and consists of all other treatment, recovery, or disposal units downstream from the point of entry. Note that storage is **not** considered a process system.

Classify each process system with a Management Method code that best identifies the **last substantive purpose/operation it performs**. For example, a process system to remove dissolved metals from wastewater prior to shipping the sludge off-site typically includes equalization, pH adjustment, chemical precipitation, flocculation, clarification/settling, and dewatering of the sludge removed from the bottom of the clarifier. The chemical precipitation process best identifies the last purpose of this treatment system – to remove metals from the wastewater. If this wastewater treatment system is RCRA-regulated, it would be reported as H070 (Chemical Treatment). If the sludge will be disposed at the reporting site in a landfill, the code will be H132 (Landfill) and will need to be reported on a separate GM Form because it is a residual from a treatment process. However, this process is exempt if the treated water flows to a POTW or a NPDES outfall with no RCRA-regulated storage or treatment units in the system, and should not be reported. [Click here for a list of nationally-defined Management Method Codes.](#)

PROCESS UNIT – For purposes of the Hazardous Waste Report, a process unit refers to a single type of treatment (e.g., tank, distillation column, surface impoundment) in which hazardous waste is treated, disposed, or recycled.

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA) – The Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (40 CFR 270.2). It is the Federal statute that regulates the generation, treatment, storage, disposal, recycling, and/or transportation of solid and hazardous waste.

REVERSE DISTRIBUTOR – Any person that receives and accumulates prescription pharmaceuticals that are potentially creditable hazardous waste pharmaceuticals for the purpose of facilitating or verifying manufacturer credit. Any person, including forward distributors, third-party logistics providers, and pharmaceutical manufacturers, that processes prescription pharmaceuticals for the facilitation or verification of manufacturer credit is considered a reverse distributor.

RCRA INTERIM (PERMIT) STATUS – Refer to “Interim (Permit) Status” definition.

RCRA PERMIT – A complete RCRA permit is comprised of an operating permit for hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal, and a corrective action permit addressing releases from solid waste management unit (SWMUs). To apply for a permit, a site must file a two-part application (Part A and Part B). A facility is not considered to have a complete RCRA permit until both parts have been issued.

RCRA SUBTITLE C SITE (RCRA SITE OR SITE) – The physical plant or location at which one or more of the following regulated waste activities occurs: the generation, transportation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous wastes; recycling of hazardous wastes; U.S. importer of hazardous waste; mixed waste (hazardous and radioactive) generator; exempt boiler and/or industrial furnace burning or processing hazardous waste; large quantity handler of or destination facility for universal wastes; disposing hazardous waste with an underground injection permit; the transportation (and temporary storage during transportation), processing/re-refining, burning, or marketing of used oil; eligible academic entity managing laboratory hazardous waste under Subpart K; facility managing hazardous secondary material being reclaimed that must comply with certain requirements and conditions; or undergoing corrective action.

A site may consist of several treatment, storage, or disposal operational units. For entities that only transport regulated wastes, the term site refers to the headquarters of that entity’s operations.

RECYCLING – Use, reuse, or reclamation of a material (40 CFR 261.1(c)(7)). “Reclamation” is the processing or regeneration of a material to recover a usable product (e.g., recovery of lead values from spent batteries, regeneration of spent solvents) (40 CFR 261.1(c)(4)). A material is “used or reused” if it is either: (1) employed as an ingredient (including use as an intermediate) in an industrial process to make a product (e.g., distillation bottoms from one process used as feedstock in another process) (40 CFR 261.1(c)(5)). However, a material will not satisfy this condition if distinct components of the material are recovered as separate end products (as when metals are recovered from metal-containing secondary material); or (2) a commercial product (e.g., spent pickle liquor used as phosphorous precipitant and sludge conditioner in wastewater treatment).

RESIDUAL – A hazardous waste derived from the treatment, disposal, or recycling of a previously existing hazardous waste (e.g., the sludge remaining after initial wastewater treatment).

SHORT-TERM GENERATOR—A facility that was not a hazardous waste generator until a one-time, non-recurring, temporary event occurred that is not related to normal production processes. In other words, short-term generators produce hazardous waste from a particular activity for a limited time and then cease conducting that activity and revert back to a non-hazardous waste generator category. Short-term generators are not considered episodic generators. Episodic generators must manage the hazardous waste from a specific episodic event under a separate set of conditions outlined in 40 CFR Part 262, Subpart L that might not apply to all short-term generators. Examples of short-term generators include: one-time highway bridge waste generation, underground storage tank removals, generation of off-spec or out-of-date chemicals at a site that normally **does not otherwise generate hazardous waste**, remediate or spill clean-up sites with no previous RCRA EPA Identification Number, and site or production process decommissions by a new operator.

SLUDGE – Any solid, semi-solid, or liquid waste generated from a municipal, commercial, or industrial wastewater treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility exclusive of the treated effluent from a wastewater treatment plant (40 CFR 260.10).

SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR (SQG) OF HAZARDOUS WASTE – is a generator if the site meets **all** of the following criteria:

- (i) Generates, in any calendar month, greater than 100 kilograms (220 lbs) but less than 1,000 kilograms (2200 lbs) of non-acute hazardous waste; **and**
- (ii) Generates, in any calendar month, less than or equal to 1 kilogram (2.2 lbs) of acute hazardous waste listed in 261.31 or 261.33(e) of this chapter; **and**
- (iii) Generates, in any calendar month, less than or equal to 100 kilograms (220 lbs) of any residue or contaminated soil, water, or other debris resulting from the cleanup of a spill, into or on any land or water, of any acute hazardous waste listed in 261.31 or 261.33(e) of this chapter.

SMALL QUANTITY ON-SITE BURNER EXEMPTION – The persons who burn small quantity of hazardous waste in an on-site boiler or industrial furnace, in accordance with 40 CFR 266.108, are conditionally exempt from regulation for that activity.

SMELTING, MELTING, AND REFINING FURNACE EXEMPTION – Under 40 CFR 266.100(c), owners or operators of smelting, melting, and refining furnaces that process hazardous wastes solely for metals recovery are conditionally exempt from regulation, except for 40 CFR 266.101 and 266.112, provided they comply with limited requirements set forth in Section 266.100(c). Similarly, 40 CFR 266.100(f) provides that

owners or operators of smelting, melting, and refining furnaces that process hazardous wastes for the recovery of precious metals are conditionally exempt from regulation, except for 40 CFR 266.112, provided they comply with limited requirements specified in Section 266.100(f).

SOLID WASTE – Any garbage, refuse, or sludge, or other materials not excluded under 40 CFR 261.4(a). Exclusions include, for example, domestic sewage and any mixture of other wastes that pass through a sewer system to a publicly owned treatment works (POTWs); industrial wastewater discharges that are point source discharges subject to regulation under the Clean Water Act; irrigation return flows; nuclear materials defined by the Atomic Energy Act; and in situ mining materials. Click [here](#) for a partial list of excluded wastes. Wastewaters being collected, stored, or treated before discharge and sludges generated by wastewater treatment are not excluded. The EPA defines hazardous waste as a subset of solid waste.

SOURCE MATERIAL – As defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954: (1) Uranium, thorium, or any other material determined by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 2091 of this title to be source material; or (2) ores containing one or more of the foregoing materials in such concentration as the Commission may by regulation determine from time to time.

SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL – As defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954: (1) plutonium, uranium enriched in the isotope 233 or in the isotope 235, and any other material which the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2071 of this title, determines to be special nuclear material, but does not include source material; or (2) any material artificially enriched by any of the foregoing, but does not include source material.

SUBPART K – An alternative set of generator requirements for managing laboratory hazardous waste at eligible academic entities. Generators that are eligible academic entities with laboratories may elect to opt into 40 CFR Part 262, Subpart K and manage their laboratory hazardous waste under Subpart K in lieu of 40 CFR 262.14, 15, 16, and 17. In order for eligible academic entities (see definition) to opt into Subpart K or subsequently withdraw from Subpart K, they must use the Site ID Form to notify the appropriate State or EPA Regional Office. Refer to 40 CFR 262.203 and 262.204. **Note:** You must check with your State to determine if you are eligible to manage laboratory hazardous waste pursuant to 40 CFR Part 262, Subpart K and for any State-specific requirements.

SUBPART P – A mandatory rule for the management of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals at all healthcare facilities (except healthcare facilities that are VSQGs) and reverse distributors. The rule is effective at the Federal level on August 21, 2019. Authorized States have until July 1, 2021 to adopt this rule. Refer to 40 CFR Part 266, Subpart P.

SUPERFUND – The program operated under the legislative authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) that funds and carries out the solid waste emergency response and long-term remedial activities of the EPA.

SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT – A natural topographic depression, man-made excavation, or diked area formed primarily from earthen materials (though it may be lined with man-made materials) that is designed to accumulate liquid wastes or wastes containing free liquids, and that is not an injection well (40 CFR 260.10).

TOLLING – Tolling arrangements describe a particular type of recycling contract between two companies. Specifically, the “tolling” company certifies that it has a contract with a manufacturer to produce a product, and that manufacturing process generates a residual material that can be recycled by the tolling company. If the tolling company certifies that the contract specifies that the tolling company owns and has responsibility for the recyclable material once it is generated, and the material is returned to the tolling company for reclamation, and subsequently recycled, the material is excluded from regulation (under 40 CFR 261.4(a)(23)), provided certain requirements are met.

TRANSFER FACILITY – Any transportation-related facility including loading docks, parking areas, storage areas, and other similar areas where shipments of hazardous waste are held for 10 days or less during the normal course of transportation (40 CFR 261.4(a)(23) and 40 CFR 263.12).

TRANSPORTER – A person engaged in the off-site transportation of hazardous waste by air, rail, highway, or water.

UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL – The subsurface emplacement of fluids through a bored, drilled or driven well; or through a dug well, where the depth of the dug well is greater than the largest surface dimension. Underground injection wells are regulated under both the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (see 40 CFR Part 148).

UNIT – Refer to “Process Unit” definition.

UNITED STATES IMPORTER – Any person who imports hazardous waste from a site located in a foreign country into the U.S. This does not include hazardous waste shipped from U.S. territory or protectorate.

UNIVERSAL WASTE – Any of the following hazardous wastes that are managed under the universal waste requirements of 40 CFR Part 273: batteries, pesticides, mercury-containing equipment, lamps, and aerosol cans. Some States may have State-specific universal wastes defined as well.

USED OIL – Any oil that has been refined from crude oil, or any synthetic oil, that has been used, and as a result of such use, is contaminated by physical or chemical impurities.

USED OIL FUEL MARKETER – Any person who conducts either of the following activities:

- (i) Directs a shipment of off-specification used oil from their site to an off-specification used oil burner; or
- (ii) First claims that used oil that is to be burned for energy recovery meets the used oil fuel specifications set forth in 40 CFR 279.11.

USED OIL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES – For the purposes of the Site ID Form, includes used oil transportation; used oil processing and re-refining; burning off-specification used oil fuel; and used oil fuel marketing.

USED OIL PROCESSING – Chemical or physical operations designed to produce from used oil, or to make used oil more amenable for production of, fuel oils, lubricants, or other used oil-derived products. Processing includes, but is not limited to: blending used oil with virgin petroleum products, blending used oils to meet the fuel specification, filtration, simple distillation, chemical or physical separation, and re-refining.

USED OIL PROCESSOR – A site that processes on-specification or off-specification used oil.

USED OIL RE-REFINER – A site that produces lubricating oils and greases, industrial fuel, asphalt extender, gasoline, and other products from on-specification or off-specification used oil.

USED OIL TRANSFER FACILITY – Any transportation-related facility, including loading docks, parking areas, storage areas, and other areas where shipments of used oil are held for more than 24 hours during the normal course of transportation and not longer than 35 days. Transfer facilities that store used oil for more than 35 days are subject to regulation under 40 CFR Part 279, Subpart F.

USED OIL TRANSPORTER – Any person who transports used oil, any person who collects used oil from more than one generator and transports the collected oil, and owners and operators of used oil transfer facilities. Used oil transporters may consolidate or aggregate loads of used oil for purposes of transportation but, with the following exception, may not process used oil. Used oil transporters may conduct incidental processing operations that occur in the normal course of used oil transportation (e.g., settling and water separation), but that are not designed to produce (or make more amenable for production of) used oil-derived products or used oil fuel.

VERY SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR (VSQG) OF HAZARDOUS WASTE - A generator who generates less than or equal to the following amounts in a calendar month:

- (i) 100 kilograms (kg) 220 pounds [lbs]) of hazardous waste; **and**
- (ii) 1 kg (2.2 lbs) of acute hazardous wastes listed in sections 261.31, or 261.33(e); **and**
- (iii) 100 kg (220 lbs) of any residue or contaminated soil, waste, or other debris resulting from the cleanup of a spill, into or on any land or water, of any acute hazardous wastes listed in sections 261.31, or 261.33(e).

WASTE MINIMIZATION – The reduction, to the extent feasible, of hazardous waste that is generated or subsequently treated, stored, or disposed. It includes any source reduction or recycling activity undertaken by a generator that results in: (1) the reduction of total volume or quantity of hazardous waste; (2) the reduction of toxicity of hazardous waste; or (3) both, as long as the reduction is consistent with the goal of minimizing present and future threats to human health and the environment.

WASTE OIL (BIENNIAL REPORT ONLY)– Any oil that has been refined from crude oil, or any synthetic oil, that has been used, and as a result of such use, is contaminated by physical or chemical impurities and is managed as a hazardous waste.

WR FORM – Waste Received From Off-site Form.