RFS Registration for Renewable Fuel Producers

Separated Food Waste Plan Guidance

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Overall Guidance

Separated Food Waste Plans:

- Are required for all companies registered with either of the following feedstocks:
 - Biogenic Waste Oils/Fats/Greases (160)or
 - Non-Cellulosic Portions of Separated Food Waste (350)



Suppliers

- Separated Food Waste Plans must include information about the feedstock suppliers
- For each supplier, include:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Specific type of food waste provided (e.g. yellow grease, animal tallow)
- Each supplier should be identified as:
 - Point source of separated food waste (e.g., restaurant)
 or
 - Aggregator of separated food waste
- Note: Brokers are not permitted as suppliers on a Separated Food Waste Plan



Regions of Collection

- Regions of collection:
 - Must be listed for all aggregators
 - Should not be larger than a metropolitan area
 - If an aggregator collects from multiple metropolitan areas, each metropolitan area should be listed
 - May be described as "rural area located in <county>" if outside of metropolitan area



Regions of Collection

- If a Renewable Fuel Producer collects food waste from point sources themselves, instead of listing each point source, the producer has the option to:
 - Include a statement indicating that they collect the separated food waste
 - List specific food wastes they collect
 - List region of collection



Additional Documentation

Separated Food Waste Plan should document:

- How the waste will be collected
 - e.g. Supplier ABC collects yellow grease from restaurants by truck
- How the cellulosic and non-cellulosic portions of the waste will be quantified
- How the renewable fuel producer verifies that such waste consists only of food waste that is kept separate since generation from other waste materials
 - e.g. Are affidavits required from suppliers? Do the contracts specify the waste is only food waste? Does the producer test the feedstock periodically?



Engineering Review Submission

When a Separated Food Waste Plan is submitted with an engineering review:

- The third-party independent professional engineer should verify the plan
 - The engineer should describe how the plan was verified (e.g. what documents were reviewed?)
- The plan should be included as an appendix to the engineering review



Plan Revision Submissions

If a revised Separated Food Waste Plan is being submitted pursuant to § 80.1450(d)(2), the plan should be:

 Signed by an associated user of the company and mailed to the EPA,

or

Signed by the RCO and mailed to the EPA



Registration Regulations

For registration regulations for Separated Food Waste Plans, see § 80.1450(b)(1)(vii)(B) in:

• The Electronic Code of Federal Regulations



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