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This document includes the following sections:

- Resource View – outlines the document types by which resources are organized.
- Resources by Document Category – lists resources for each document category outlined in the *Resource View*.
- CFR View – provides relevant Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) language reformatted for easy reading.

These three main sections are cross-referenced, i.e., each section includes hyperlinks to the other sections. In addition, each section and its accompanying index include a hyperlink to the Main Index that allows the user to easily navigate from one section to another.

Introduction

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About the Compendium

The Hazardous Waste Generator Regulations Compendium serves as a user-friendly reference to assist regulators, industrial facilities generating and managing solid and hazardous wastes, and the general public in locating resources relevant to specific regulatory topics within the federal hazardous waste generator program.

The objective of this document is to consolidate and streamline the various resources on a topic into a user-friendly format, including references to relevant CFR language, Federal Register (FR) notices, documents posted on RCRA Online (i.e., guidance in the form of memoranda issued by EPA, Q&As, and other publications), and other resources, such as Frequent Questions webpages. The Compendium has been divided into multiple volumes that are available here: www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/hazardous-waste-generator-regulations-compedium.

This document does not change any of the existing solid or hazardous waste requirements, nor does it offer an exhaustive list of relevant resources, as new resources may come into being or older ones may be relevant to a specific issue, but not included. Certain available resources, such as superseded RCRA Online documents, have not been referenced. Rather than including or reproducing referenced resources, this document generally provides hyperlinks to individual resources. As an exception, the Compendium does include relevant sections of the most current CFR regulatory language (as of the date on the cover of the Compendium). The included CFR language has been reformatted to make it easier to read, but it is not a substitute for the official CFR itself, or for the requirements in the CFR. The Government Printing Office frequently updates the e-CFR website; where appropriate, hyperlinks to the respective CFR section at the e-CFR website are provided.

Most states are authorized to administer their own RCRA Subtitle C hazardous waste program. Therefore, states may have their own set of regulations that apply in lieu of federal regulations. State regulations must be at least as stringent as the federal standards, but they can be more stringent. Please visit the following website to determine if the state regulatory program is different from the federal program: <https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/links-hazardous-waste-programs-and-us-state-environmental-agencies>, and check with your state agency.

About the Generators – EPA Identification Numbers

This volume of the Compendium lists resources and CFR language pertaining to Generators – EPA Identification Numbers that are found at 40 CFR 262 Subpart A (262.18). For more information regarding other topics that apply to facilities generating hazardous waste, refer to other volumes of the Compendium and [EPA's Hazardous Waste Generators Webpage](#).

Please note that the Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements rule of 2016 created new sections in Part 262, which contains the regulations pertaining to generators. Accordingly, some citations in the generator requirements in older resources in this Compendium are outdated, including references to § 261.5, § 262.34, and others. Please see the preamble to the final Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements rule for a discussion of the reorganization of the regulations (81 FR

85735–85740, November 28, 2016). For a specific crosswalk of the regulation citation changes, refer to www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/hazardous-waste-generator-regulations-crosswalk.

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Memoranda	12016	Program Implementation Guidance on Issuance of Provisional EPA I.D. Numbers	11/26/1980	Spills	
	11028	Response to Region vs. EPA Identification Number Questions	08/03/1983	Universities	
	12855	Rapid Issuance of Identification Numbers to Sites Under Investigation by DEA	02/05/1987	DEA Enforcement	
	11363	Explosives Presenting an Immediate Safety Threat and Explosives Stored During Analysis	08/11/1988	Explosives; Generator Storage	
	11372	Contractors and Generator Responsibilities	10/11/1988	Tanks; Generation on Vessels/Ships	
	13280	Recycling Activities	05/03/1989	Mobile Recycling Units; Co-Generators; Generator Accumulation	
	13314	EPA I.D. Number and Facility Location	08/18/1989	EPA Forms; Generators; On-Site	
	11571	Ships as Generators and EPA Identification Numbers	12/03/1990	Ships; Co-Generators	

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	11884	RCRA Regulation of University Laboratories	11/4/1994	Definition of “Individual Generation Site” and “Contiguous”	This memo is partially superseded by the 2/12/97 Military Munitions rule regarding the use of the manifest (62 FR 6622, February 12, 1997).
	11894	Do Vessels Transporting a RCRA Regulated Hazardous Waste Require an EPA ID Number for Transport Between the U.S. and Belgium?	02/17/1995	Ships; Exports	
	11916	EPA’s Current Interpretation of the Requirements in 40 CFR Section 262.12 Regarding EPA ID Numbers	08/22/1995	On-Site; Definition of “Person” and “Individual Generation Site”	262.12 is now 262.18 (after the 2016 reorganization).
	14031	Interpretation of Generator Requirements as Applied to Various On-Site and Off-Site Scenarios	05/01/1996	Definitions of “On-Site,” “Individual Generation Site,” and “Transfer Facility”	This memo is partially superseded by the 2/12/1997 Military Munitions rule regarding the use of the manifest (62 FR 6622).
	14580	Cruise Ship Identification Numbers and State Required Annual Reporting Components	12/04/2001	Cruise Ships; Reports	
	14889	Application of RCRA to Offshore Oil Platforms	05/18/2017	Offshore Oil Platforms; Manifest; Waste Determination	

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Q&A	13129	Identification Numbers	02/01/1988	Definition of “Person”	
	13351	Manifest Requirements and EPA Identification Numbers	02/01/1990	Transport on Public Highway	
	Weblink	Frequent Questions About Hazardous Waste Generation	Last Updated 5/18/2020	Contiguous Structures; Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs)	
EPA Guides	Weblink	RCRA Subtitle C EPA Identification Number, Site Status, and Site Tracking Guidance	03/21/2005	RCRA Definitions; RCRAInfo	
	Weblink	Managing Your Hazardous Waste: A Guide for Small Businesses	10/01/2019	Large Quantity Generators (LQGs); Small Quantity Generators (SQGs); Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs)	
Federal Register Notices	81 FR 85732	Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule	11/28/2016	Generator Status; LQGs; EPA Forms; VSQGs; SQGs	This rule moved the requirement for a generator to get an EPA Identification Number from 262.12 to 262.18. Preamble discussion begins on page 85777.

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CFR Location	Title/Topic
262.18	EPA Identification Numbers and Re-Notification for Small Quantity Generators and Large Quantity Generators.

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§ 262.18 EPA identification numbers and re-notification for small quantity generators and large quantity generators.

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(a) A generator must not treat, store, dispose of, transport, or offer for transportation, hazardous waste without having received an EPA identification number from the Administrator.

(b) A generator who has not received an EPA identification number must obtain one by applying to the Administrator using EPA Form 8700-12. Upon receiving the request, the Administrator will assign an EPA identification number to the generator.

(c) A generator must not offer its hazardous waste to transporters or to treatment, storage, or disposal facilities that have not received an EPA identification number.

(d) Re-notification.

(1) A small quantity generator must re-notify EPA starting in 2021 and every four years thereafter using EPA Form 8700-12. This re-notification must be submitted by September 1st of each year in which re-notifications are required.

(2) A large quantity generator must re-notify EPA by March 1 of each even-numbered year thereafter using EPA Form 8700-12. A large quantity generator may submit this re-notification as part of its Biennial Report required under § 262.41.

[262.41 – (a) A generator who is a large quantity generator for at least one month of an odd-numbered year (reporting year) who ships any hazardous waste off-site to a treatment, storage or disposal facility within the United States must complete and submit EPA Form 8700-13 A/B to the Regional Administrator by March 1 of the following even-numbered year and must cover generator activities during the previous year.

(b) Any generator who is a large quantity generator for at least one month of an odd-numbered year (reporting year) who treats, stores, or disposes of hazardous waste on-site must complete and submit EPA Form 8700-13 A/B to the Regional Administrator by March 1 of the following even-

numbered year covering those wastes in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR parts 264, 265, 266, 267 and 270. This requirement also applies to large quantity generators that receive hazardous waste from very small quantity generators pursuant to § 262.17(f).

(c) Exports of hazardous waste to foreign countries are not required to be reported on the Biennial Report form. A separate annual report requirement is set forth at § 262.83(g) for hazardous waste exporters.]

(e) A recognized trader must not arrange for import or export of hazardous waste without having received an EPA identification number from the Administrator.