Documenting Hazardous Waste Container Inspections

All hazardous waste generators in Minnesota must inspect containers holding hazardous waste at their site every calendar week and keep records of the inspections. Though satellite accumulation containers located at the point where the waste is generated are an exception to this requirement, to protect employees and minimize spill risks, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) recommends that these containers also be included in a site's hazardous waste container inspections. For more information regarding hazardous waste accumulation and containers, see MPCA fact sheet #w-hw1-04-05, <u>Label and Store Hazardous Waste</u> at: http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw1-04-05.pdf.

You may document your container inspections using any reasonable method; however this fact sheet contains one suggested format for container inspection records and minimum necessary information to include in them. Inspection records may be kept in hardcopy or electronic format.

Find an electronically fillable version of this record at: http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw2-41.doc. An easy-printing version is available at: at: http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw2-41.pdf.

More information

Guidance and requirements in this fact sheet were compiled from Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7045. To review Minnesota Rules, visit the Office of the Revisor of Statutes at https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs.

Your metropolitan county and the MPCA have staff available to answer waste management questions. For more information, contact your metropolitan county hazardous waste office or your nearest MPCA regional staff. For information about reducing your generation of used oil and related wastes, contact the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP). Report spills of hazardous waste immediately to the Minnesota Duty Officer.

Metro County Hazardous Waste Offices

Anoka	763-422-7093
Carver	952-361-1800
Dakota	952-891-7557
Hennepin	612-348-3777
Ramsey	651-266-1199
Scott	952-496-8475
Washington	651-430-6655
Websites	http://www.co.[county].mn.us

Minnesota Technical Assistance Program

Toll free	1-800-247-0015
Metro	612-624-1300
Website	http://www.mntap.umn.edu

Small Business Environmental Assistance

Toll free	1-800-657-3938
Metro	651-282-6143
Website http	o://www.pca.state.mn.us/sbeap/

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Toll free (all offices))1-800-657-3864
Brainerd	218-828-2492
Detroit Lakes	218-847-1519
Duluth	218-723-4660
Mankato	507-389-5977
Marshall	507-537-7146
Rochester	507-285-7343
St. Paul	651-296-6300
Willmar	320-214-3786
Website	http://www.pca.state.mn.us

Minnesota Duty Officer

Toll free	!	. 1-800-422-	0798
Metro .		651-649-	5451

Hazardous Waste Container Inspection Record

(at least once each calendar week)

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Site name				Site HWID			
Site address					Area inspected		
Inspection date	Inspector name (print)	Issues noted	Inspector signature	Corrective action		ompletion ate	Minimum necessary container & storage area checks:
							✓ Any sign of spills/leaks
							✓ All containers in good condition (no rust/cracks/damage)
							✓ Every container closed with lids/access points fastened (gravity alone is insufficient)
							✓ Every container legibly labeled with words 'Hazardous Waste'
							✓ Every container legibly labeled with clear description of contents
							✓ Every containers legibly labeled with the accumulation start date
							✓ All containers 'in date' for site generator size
							✓ Total volume accumulated below limit for site generator size
							✓ Aisle space between containers enough to reach all sides
							✓ Fire extinguisher in area, tag current, and gauge reading green
							✓ Spill kit in area, accessible, and stocked
							 ✓ Eyewash, if required in area, accessible and test tag current
							✓ Emergency communication method accessible and working
							✓ Secondary containment functional
							✓ Incompatible wastes/materials physically separated
							✓ Outdoor storage secured and roofed (not tarped)

For detailed hazardous waste container requirements, see MPCA fact sheet #w-hw1-04-05, Label and Store Hazardous Waste at: http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw1-04-05.pdf.