

Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG) of hazardous waste are exempt from most reporting and recordkeeping requirements of the waste rules but are still responsible for the proper handling and disposal of their waste. This pamphlet presents waste handling guidelines for Louisiana's CESQGs.

What is Hazardous Waste?

A hazardous waste is any waste listed in the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) or any waste that demonstrates one or more characteristics of a hazardous waste - ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity and toxicity.

Who is a "Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator" (CESQG)?

A conditionally exempt small quantity generator is the owner or operator of a facility who, in any calendar month generates no more than 100 kg of hazardous waste, no more than one kilogram of acutely hazardous waste, and no more than 100 kg 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. One hundred kilograms is approximately twenty-five gallons, 220 pounds, or one-half of a drum.

What if I Exceed the CESQG Limits?

If you *generate* greater than 100 kg OR if you *accumulate* greater than 1000 kg on-site within one calendar month, you no longer qualify for the exemption and must re-notify as a SQG and comply with all applicable regulations.

Are any Wastes Exempt from this Monthly Total?

Hazardous waste that is recycled (as described in the LAC) is not included in the quantity determinations. Such wastes include, but are not limited to:

- Spent lead-acid batteries that are being reclaimed.
- Universal wastes which are being recycled
- Used oil
- Wastes recycled on-site without prior storage/accumulation
- By-products with a characteristic of hazardous waste which are reclaimed.

Who Do I Notify and How?

CESQGs MUST notify LDEQ by submitting a HW-1 Form. The forms can be found at www.deq.state.la.us/permits/haz/HW-1form.pdf.

How Long May I Store These Hazardous Wastes?

CESQG are exempt from the accumulation dates required of SQG and LQG, however, it is recommended that you regularly dispose of your waste. The more you keep on site, the greater your chances for a spill or other incident.

How Do I Store My Hazardous Wastes?

Store hazardous waste in drums, tanks, or other suitable containers. Ensure that your storage methods protect human health and the environment and reduce the likelihood of leaks or spills. Storage practices that may help you include:

- Clearly mark storage containers with the words "HAZARDOUS WASTE."
- Keep containers in good condition, replace leaking, rusty or bulging containers.
- Use containers that are compatible with the waste.
- Keep containers closed except when you are adding or removing waste.
- Inspect the containers for leaks or corrosion once a week.
- Provide secondary containment in case of spills.
- Place containers of ignitable or reactive wastes as far as possible from your property line to create a safety zone. (Recommended minimum - 50')
- NEVER store incompatible wastes in the same container.

How Can I Responsibly Dispose of the Hazardous Waste?

You may send it to a commercial hazardous waste facility, a recycle facility or a municipal facility. NOTE: While the rules appear to relax the waste disposal standards, many municipal facilities are not allowed to accept hazardous waste.

The safest way to ensure your waste is being properly disposed of is to send it to a commercial hazardous waste disposal site or a recycle facility. You are responsible for making certain that the transporters, recyclers, and disposal facilities you use meet the regulatory requirements.

Should I Use Regular Shipping Papers and Containers?

Use only containers approved by the Department of Transportation for the waste you are shipping. Uniform hazardous waste manifests are not required for CESQGs by the Department, however, your transporter or TSD facility may require you to submit a manifest with your waste.

REMEMBER: Shipping your hazardous waste off your site does not mean that your liability has ended. You are potentially liable under Superfund for any mismanagement of your hazardous waste. Know beforehand where your waste is going and how it is going to be disposed of.

What Else Can I Do as an **Environmentally Responsible** CESQG?

- Operate and maintain your facility to reduce the possibility of fire, explosion, or release of hazardous waste.
- Have appropriate emergency communication and fire equipment for the kinds of waste handled at your site.
- Develop a training program for all personnel whose duties may involve hazardous waste management or emergency response. Your training program should include waste management procedures and equipment.
- Keep written emergency procedures which include emergency phone numbers and spill cleanup procedures.

What Should I Do If Something Goes Wrong?

- Activate your emergency procedures immediately.
- In the event of a spill, contain the waste to the extent possible, and notify the National Response Center (800-424-8802) if the spill causes an emergency condition or is of a reportable quantity. As soon as possible, clean up the hazardous waste and any contaminated materials.
- In the event of a fire, explosion, or other release, immediately notify the National Response Center as required by Superfund regulations.

If you have a serious emergency and you have to call your local fire department, or you have a spill that extends outside your plant or that could reach surface waters, **IMMEDIATELY CALL THE NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER (800-424-8802) AND GIVE THEM THE INFORMATION THEY ASK FOR.** If you didn't need to call, they will tell you so, **BUT ANYONE WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO CALL AND DOES NOT IS SUBJECT TO A \$10,000 FINE, A YEAR IN JAIL, OR BOTH.** An owner or manager of a business who fails to report a release also may have to pay for the entire cost of repairing any damage, even if the facility was not the single or the main cause of the damage.

If you should have a release of a hazardous substance that exceeds the Reportable Quantity, you must notify the Office of Compliance Enforcement at (225) 765-3908 (or (225) 342-1234 after hours) and follow the procedures in LAC 33:I.3925. If the release creates an emergency condition, the incident must be reported immediately.

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