

1.0 Purpose

The Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Regulations 310 CMR 30 require facilities that generate and store hazardous waste and are registered as a large quantity generator (LQG) or a small quantity generator (SQG) to perform weekly inspections of hazardous waste storage areas. This procedure has been designed to aid in complying with the Department of Environmental Protection required weekly inspection of the hazardous waste storage area and to provide guidance on what needs to be inspected.

2.0 Definitions

Generator – any person, by site, whose act or process produces hazardous waste, or whose act first causes a hazardous waste to become subject to regulation.

Storage – the containment of hazardous waste for a temporary period in a manner which does not constitute disposal, at the end of which period the hazardous waste will be used, treated, disposed of, transported or stored elsewhere.

3.0 Procedures

1. Employees who are performing the inspections must be properly trained.
2. Every week the *Hazardous Waste Inspection Checklist* must be completed.
3. If any response on the checklist falls into the shaded column, action must be taken immediately to correct the issue.
4. The completed *Hazardous Waste Inspection Checklist* must be kept at the facility for 3 years.
5. Questions or comments should be directed to Jenna Newcombe in the Environmental Management Unit at (617) 568-3544.

4.0 Related Documents

Hazardous Waste Inspection Checklist

5.0 Regulatory References

310 CMR 30.686



Hazardous Waste Storage Area Inspection Checklist

As required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection under 310 CMR 30.686

Storage Area Location: _____

Inspector: _____ Date: _____

AREA	INSPECTION ITEMS	Yes	No	Comment
HAZARDOUS WASTE CONTAINERS	Are the Hazardous Waste Labels visible?			
	Are the Hazardous Waste Labels complete? (include, the words "Hazardous Waste", the type of waste, the hazardous associated with the waste, and the accumulation start date)			
	Has the 180-day accumulation start date for SQG or the 90-day accumulation start date for LQG been exceeded? Note date here: _____			
	Are the containers in good condition? (not leaking or deteriorating)			
	Is the type of container compatible with the waste?			
	Are the containers tightly closed (bungs sealed and rings secured)?			
CONTAINMENT	Is there evidence of spills, leaks or corrosion?			
	Is the secondary containment system in good shape (not required for satellite areas)?			
ACCUMULATION AREA	Is the hazardous waste accumulation area clearly delineated with visible marking on the ground?			
	Is there a sign posted above the area with the words "HAZARDOUS WASTE" in at least one-inch high capital letters?			
	Is the waste being accumulated in a manner that does not endanger the public health or the environment?			
	Are a fire extinguisher and spill response equipment located near the accumulation area?			
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING	Are drums of virgin product or waste stored outside?			
	If yes, are they covered?			
	Area all areas where waste is stored clearly delineated?			
	Area all drums of virgin and waste product labeled with the product and potential hazards?			
	Are all drums of virgin and waste product stored in an orderly manner?			
	Are storage areas in good order (clean, neat, free of spills, no speedy dry on floor)?			
OTHER COMMENTS:				

Note: If a check mark is made in a shaded box, corrective action is necessary.

Completed checklists must be kept at the facility for at least 3 years.