



Best Management Practices for Used Oil Transporters/Transfer Facilities

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This document is one in a series of eight that provides guidance to safely manage used oil for those who generate, collect, burn, transport, process, re-refine or market used oil. This series does not replace the regulations found at WAC 173-303-515, but presents an overview of the used oil requirements. It is designed to answer questions regarding how the used oil is handled.

What is Used Oil?

Used oil is any oil that has been refined from crude oil, or any synthetic oil, that has been used and as a result of such use is contaminated by physical or chemical impurities (WAC 173-303-040 and 40 CFR 279.10). For more information on how the state defines used oil see Ecology publication #06-04-00x, *Materials that may or may not be managed as used oil in Washington State* (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/060400x.html>).

What is a Used Oil Transporter?

A used oil transporter includes: (1) a person who collects and transports used oil from generators, (2) a generator who transports their used oil (except if the load is under 55 gallons and going to a collection center or aggregation point), and (3) an owner or operator of a used oil transfer facility.

Required Management for Used Oil Transporters

- Notify Ecology and get a RCRA Identification number.
- If you transport dangerous waste prior to picking up a load of used oil in your tanker truck, the truck must be cleaned out completely of all dangerous waste residues.
- Deliver used oil only to another transporter, processor, re-refiner or burner.
- Follow Department of Transportation requirements of 49 CFR parts 171-180. You can find these requirements on the Internet at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/retrieve.html>.
- Respond to spills by stopping, containing, cleaning up the spill, making necessary repairs and notifying local authorities.
- Check the total halogen content of the used oil by using test methods such as Chlor-D-Tect. If over 1,000 parts per million (ppm) it is assumed to be mixed with dangerous waste and no longer used oil.

Recommended Management for Used Oil Transporters

- If used oil is over 1,000 ppm total halogens contact Ecology for further instructions on management.

What is a Used Oil Transfer Facility?

These are sites or facilities such as loading docks, parking areas, storage areas, and other areas where used oil is temporarily held during the normal course of transportation for more than 24 hours but no longer than 35 days.

Required Management for Used Oil Transfer Facilities

- Follow BMPs for transporters.
- Store used oil only in tanks or containers and inspect them regularly.
- Use secondary containment which is impervious to used oil.
- Label containers, aboveground tanks and fill pipes with “**Used Oil.**”
- Keep containers closed, except when adding or removing used oil.
- Handle containers safely so they do not leak or rupture.
- Do not mix anything into the used oil. If you do, the mixture isn’t used oil anymore, and it may even be dangerous waste.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q *I am a generator of used oil. Am I also considered a transporter if I transport my on-site used oil to a collection center or aggregation point or elsewhere?*

A You would not be considered a used oil transporter if you transport used oil from on-site or if you transport used oil to a collection center or aggregation point as long as the shipment is not over 55 gallons. Transporting used oil elsewhere would qualify you as a transporter.

Q *As a transporter, can I process used oil?*

A Only incidental processing is allowed and only during the normal course of transportation. For example, while transporting used oil some settling may occur.

Q *What happens if I store used oil longer than 35 days at a transfer facility?*

A The facility becomes subject to the standards for used oil processors.

Q *As a transporter of used oil, what records am I required to keep?*

A From each client you accept oil from or deliver used oil to, keep the following information:

- Name and address of your client
- Their RCRA ID number
- The quantity and date accepted or delivered
- Your customer’s signature on those records

Also keep copies of annual reports, analytical results, inspections, maintenance, and any other related information on-site for three years.

Q *As a transporter or transfer facility of used oil, do I need to notify Ecology?*

A Yes. If you also function as a used oil marketer, off-specification burner, used oil processor, or re-refiner you must notify Ecology as well.