



Best Management Practices for Used Oil Fuel Marketers



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>).

Who is a Used Oil Marketer?

A person becomes a used oil marketer by either (1) being the first person to claim used oil meets on-specification limits; or (2) being the person who directs the shipment of off-specification used oil directly to a burner.

Management Requirements for Used Oil Marketers

- Get a RCRA Identification number from Ecology.
- Direct shipments of off-specification used oil to a facility with a RCRA ID number who will burn used oil in an industrial furnace or boiler.
- If applicable, test used oil to show it meets the on-specification limits.
- Before directing a shipment of off-specification used oil to a burner obtain a written and signed certification from the burner that the off-specification used oil will be burned in an industrial furnace or boiler.
- Maintain all analyses, notifications, certifications and tracking documents for at least three years.
- Secondary containment must be impervious to used oil.
- Label storage units and related pipes with “**Used Oil.**”
- Respond to spills by stopping, containing, and cleaning up the spill and making necessary repairs.
- Provide a written and signed certification to each source (generator, transporter, process, etc.) that the oil will be burned in an industrial furnace or boiler.

Frequently Asked Questions

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

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- Keep the following information for each shipment of off- and on-specification used oil:
 - Name and address of transporters who delivered the oil to the burner.
 - Name and address of the off-specification burner.
 - All related RCRA ID numbers.
 - The quantity and date accepted or delivered.
 - A cross reference to test records for on-specification used oil.
 - Keep test results and other information used to claim oil is on-specification used oil for three years.
 - Keep copies of all certifications for three years.

Q *I am a generator of used oil and own three sites. One site acts as an aggregation point. Would my other two sites be considered marketers if they send off- or on-specification used oil directly to my third site for burning for energy recovery?*

A No. This used oil is considered to have come for the same generator.

Q *As a used oil marketer, do I need to notify Ecology?*

A Yes. You also need to notify Ecology if you are an off-specification used oil burner, transporter, or processor/re-refiner.