



Focus on **Solid Waste Control Plan**

from Ecology's Water Quality Program

Developing a Solid Waste Control Plan for Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permittees

Who must file a solid waste control plan?

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Water Quality program requires certain facilities to create and submit a solid waste control plan (SWCP) if the mismanagement of solid waste generated by a facility could pollute waters of the state. The SWCP must address all solid waste generated by your facility *except* those wastes properly designated and managed under Washington State's Dangerous Waste Regulations, Chapter 173-303 WAC.

Ecology identified your facility as one that needs a SWCP. This focus sheet is to help you develop, update, or modify your facility's SWCP.

What are your responsibilities?

You are responsible for the safe and legal management of solid waste resulting from your industrial activities. Businesses typically manage common office wastes or municipal solid wastes through county or city sponsored collection systems. But other wastes—such as industrial sludge, incinerator ash, or food processing wastes—usually require special handling and delivery to an approved facility operating in accordance with state and local solid waste requirements.

You are also responsible for preparing and understanding the details of your facility's SWCP and ensuring your staff follow the most current plan. Any proposed modifications to your SWCP should be submitted to Ecology's Water Quality permit writer at least 30 days prior to the proposed date of implementation.

Where should you begin?

Step 1

If you send solid waste off site for treatment, reuse, or disposal:

Confirm that the carrier and the recipient of the waste operate lawfully. Companies that accept solid waste for disposal, treatment, or reuse, must comply with local health department and state solid waste rules. If you are uncertain about the compliance status of a solid waste facility, contact the local health department with jurisdiction over the facility. Contact information for local health departments is online: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/LHJMap/LHJMap.htm>.

If all of the solid waste is managed on site:

Contact your local health department. Staff from the local health department or Ecology's Solid Waste Program can assist you with determining your facility's need for a solid waste permit.

Other information is available from Ecology's solid waste staff. Regional phone numbers are listed at the end of this focus sheet. Ecology staff may also help you identify beneficial uses for your facility's solid waste as alternatives to disposal.

Step 2

Compile contact information for your facility and for any facility receiving your solid waste. Review the generation rates for each type of solid waste your facility produces. Include any other information that helps document your legal solid waste management practices.

Step 3

After you assemble all the necessary information, follow the outline below to develop, update, or modify your SWCP.

Basic Elements of a solid waste control plan:

- Name and address of facility generating solid waste.
- Wastewater Discharge permit number.
- Name, phone number, and title for the facility's primary contact person.
- A list of each type of solid waste generated by the facility.
- A list of any solid waste permits issued for on-site management of solid waste.
- Estimation of the annual generation of each type of solid waste.
- Description of methods of treatment/handling/disposal for each type of solid waste.
- Description of any contingency plans for solid waste handling.
- Name and contact information for each facility receiving your solid waste.

How will your solid waste control plan be reviewed?

After you submit the SWCP, Ecology staff will review it against state and local requirements. If changes are needed, Ecology will contact you with recommendations so your SWCP can be amended. Solid Waste Program staff will share their findings with the appropriate wastewater discharge permit writer within 30 days of receipt. Once Ecology accepts your SWCP, it becomes part of your industrial wastewater discharge permit.

When do you file your solid waste control plan with Ecology?

Ecology includes a SWCP due date when it issues your water quality discharge permit. You must file your new or updated plan by the close of business on that date. Submit your SWCP in the same manner as you submit other documents required by your wastewater discharge permit. Any proposed modifications to the SWCP must be submitted to Ecology for review at least 30 days prior to implementation.

What if this focus sheet didn't answer all of your SWCP questions?

If you need more information, please call your permit writer or the Solid Waste staff in one of Ecology's regional offices.

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