

## Hazardous Waste Regulation Updates in GA

### Top 4 Ways to Ensure Your Company is Up-to-Date on Hazardous Waste Regulations

An important component of the enforcement process of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, RCRA is the authority to monitor facilities for verification of compliance with the hazardous waste generator regulations. By following these next steps your organization can ensure compliance.

#### **Step 1: Determine which hazardous waste generator category you fall into**

By knowing your generator category, organizations are able to minimize the risks of compliance violations, cut expenses on unnecessary waste, and establish its legal responsibilities. This is accomplished by conducting a hazardous waste determination plan and a counting process of all waste streams generated on site.

#### **Step 2: Identify the specific requirements for treating, storing, and disposing hazardous waste**

This will enable organizations to develop and implement programs that ensure the safe management of its hazardous wastes. RCRA has established three generators categories 1-Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators, CESQ, 2-Small Quantity Generators, SQG and 3-Large Quantity Generators, LQG all with specific thresholds and handling requirements. Organizations achieve this by providing training to personnel that have direct contact or can impact the handling and disposing activities of its hazardous waste. Having a system in place to properly communicate, document, and maintain records is key to successfully comply with the regulation.

#### **Step 3: Understanding the inspecting and reporting activities of the regulation**

By conducting the hazardous waste site(s) inspections and maintaining the records as required in the regulation, organizations are also able to better count the amount of hazardous waste generated as a result of its manufacturing process identifying opportunities for saving energy and natural resources usages.

#### **Step 4: Updates in hazardous waste generator regulation in GA**

Major updates to include the requirements for hazardous secondary materials in the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management were completed. Generators and recyclers of hazardous secondary materials are both liable and responsible for ensuring the safe management of these materials so the generation of hazardous waste is minimized.

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**Hazardous Waste Management Act.**

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*EPA and the state of Georgia have recognized that after 35 years of maintaining an unmodified hazardous waste regulatory program, opportunities to improve the program's efficiency and effectiveness were required. Therefore, revisions to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste generator regulations were performed to adjust with the needs of today's generators while improving the protection of human health and the environment.*

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