

# Hazardous Waste Management

## Options for Extending Hazardous Waste Accumulation Time Limits in Response to Ongoing Incinerator Disruptions

*Information presented in this fact sheet is intended to provide a general understanding of the regulatory requirements governing the storage time limits for hazardous waste. This information is not intended to replace, limit, or expand upon the complete regulatory requirements found in Division 14 of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Administrative Code.*

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this fact sheet is to communicate existing options under the Department's rules that allow hazardous waste generators to address the inability to ship certain wastes (including—but not limited to—aerosols, solvents, pharmaceuticals, and organic acids) off site due to the ongoing backlog of containerized hazardous waste at hazardous waste incinerator facilities.

### REGULATORY LIMITS ON STORAGE TIMES FOR GENERATORS

ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-14-3-.01(6)(b) allows small quantity generators of hazardous waste (SQGs) to accumulate hazardous waste on site for 180 days or less without a permit, provided they comply with the accumulation conditions described therein. ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-14-3-.01(6)(c) allows an SQG to accumulate hazardous waste up to 270 days if the hazardous waste must be transported 200 miles or more for off-site treatment, storage, or disposal.

ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-14-3-.01(7)(a) allows large quantity generators of hazardous waste (LQGs) to accumulate hazardous waste on site for 90 days or less without a permit, provided they comply with the accumulation conditions described in the rule.

### RULES RELATED TO TIME LIMIT EXTENSIONS

In accordance with ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-14-3-.01(6)(d) and 335-14-3-.01(7)(b), SQGs and LQGs can request an accumulation time limit extension from the Department. Extensions may be granted by the Department if hazardous wastes must remain on site for longer than the applicable storage time limits due to unforeseen, temporary, and uncontrollable circumstances. An extension of up to 30 days per request may be granted at the discretion of the Department on a case-by-case basis.

### HOW CAN I REQUEST AN EXTENSION?

You may request an extension by contacting the Department before the applicable accumulation time ends. All extension requests must be submitted to the Department in writing and include the following information:

1. Descriptions of the types of waste affected by delay,
2. All applicable waste code(s),
3. The number and size of containers holding the waste,
4. The estimated weight/volume of the waste,
5. The date that the applicable storage time limit will end (original date before extension),
6. A description detailing the reason for the extension request (including—if applicable—efforts made to find alternate disposal and/or waste reduction options).

### WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

On-line Resources:

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov>

Alabama Department of Environmental Management: <http://www.adem.alabama.gov>

ADEM Administrative Code Division 14 - <http://www.adem.alabama.gov/alEnviroRegLaws/files/Division14.pdf>



Telephone Resources:  
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