

2.16 HAZARDOUS WASTE; EPA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

- Question: Do I generate, in a calendar month, 100 kilograms or more of hazardous waste or more than 1 kilogram of acute hazardous waste?
OR
- Question: Do I have in inventory at any time of more than 100 kilograms of hazardous waste or 1 kilogram or more of acute hazardous waste?

Why do I need this approval?

Generators of hazardous waste, transporters of hazardous waste, and facilities which treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste are required to notify the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department before treating, storing, disposing, offering for transportation, or transporting hazardous waste. Large quantity handlers of universal waste are required to notify the Department before accumulating 5,000 kilograms of universal waste for the first time. Upon receipt of a notification, the Department assigns an EPA Identification number to the notifier through the EPA RCRAInfo database.

What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

FEDERAL: RCRA - Section 3010; 40 CFR Part 262.12, 263.11, 264.11 and 273.32

STATE: Environment Article, Title 7, Subtitle 2, Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 26.13.03.03, 26.13.04.01B, 26.13.05.02B and 26.13.10.19C

What is the process to get this approval?

An applicant may choose to submit a paper version of EPA's Form 8700-12 or use the MyRCRAId electronic system to obtain an EPA Identification Number. MDE encourages applicants to use the MyRCRAId system. To do this, follow these steps:

- 1) The applicant goes to <https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/rcrainfoprod> and registers for an Industry User account to designate a Site Manager. Applicants which already have a Site Manager in RCRAInfo can skip this step.
- 2) The Department activates the Site Manager's account in RCRAInfo.
- 3) The Site Manager logs into RCRAInfo and uses the MyRCRAId module to apply for an EPA Identification Number.
- 4) The Department issues the EPA Identification Number in the MyRCRAId module, which sends a notification to the Site Manager.

More information on this process is available at <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/HazardousWaste/Documents/RCRAInfo%20Industry%20Applications.pdf>.

To submit a paper form to obtain an EPA Identification Number, follow these steps:

- 1) The applicant obtains EPA Form 8700-12 (RCRA Subtitle C Site Identification Form). The form is available on-line at <https://rcrapublic.epa.gov/rcrainfoweb/action/main-menu/view>
- 2) The applicant submits a completed hard copy of the application with "wet" signature to the Department.
- 3) After review, the Department processes the application and issues a permanent EPA identification number. The Department also enters the application data into EPA's RCRAInfo database.
- 4) The Department emails acknowledgement of the notification to the applicant along with the EPA identification number that has been assigned to the applicant.

Before I apply for this approval, do I need to get any approvals from the local or federal government?

No.

Are there any other requirements?

Generators: A generator may not treat, store, dispose, transport, or offer for transportation, hazardous waste without having received an EPA identification number. A generator may not offer hazardous waste to transporters or to treatment, storage or disposal (TSD) facilities that have not received an EPA identification number.

Transporters: A transporter may not transport hazardous waste without having received an EPA identification number from the Department.

TSD Facilities: Every facility owner or operator who intends to treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste must apply to the Department for an EPA Identification Number.

Subsequent Notification Requirements: A subsequent notification is required once every 4 years. In addition, a subsequent notification is also required if at any time the contact for the site changes, an additional owner is added after the initial notification, the type of regulated hazardous waste activity conducted at the site changes, the generator status changes, or the site name changes. If a business moves to a different location, the business must send a new notification for the new location and a notice of deactivation of the old EPA ID Number for the previous site.

How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?

30 days

Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

For generators TSD facilities and large quantity handlers of universal waste: a given EPA identification number is permanently associated with the address where hazardous waste activities are being conducted. If the generator, facility or handler moves to a new location, a new identification number must be obtained (or if there is an existing identification number for the new location, an application to have the identification number reassigned must be submitted). For transporters: a given EPA Identification number is permanently assigned.

How much will this approval cost?

No fee.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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Related link:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Land/Pages/landpermits.aspx>