HAZARDOUS WASTE TRAINING PROGRAM GUIDANCE

Minimum Standards for LQG Training Programs

Large Quantity Generator
A business is a Large Quantity Generator (LQG) if the business generates (in any calendar month) 1,000 kilograms (2,200 pounds or approximately 270 gallons) or more of hazardous waste; or generates (in any calendar month) more than one kilogram (2.2 pounds or approximately 1 quart) of extremely or Acutely Hazardous Waste (AHW) or 100 kilograms of debris resulting from the spill of an AHW; or accumulates on-site more than 6,000 kilograms (13,200 pounds or approximately 1,620 gallons) of hazardous waste at any time.

The following requirements apply to training programs for LQG’s [see California Code of Regulations, Section 66262.34(a)(4)] and Interim Status Facilities (66265.16) as well as Permitted Facilities (66264.16).

Training must be completed within the first six months of employment and annually thereafter to ensure that personnel are able to respond effectively to emergencies. The training program must familiarize personnel with the following emergency procedures, emergency equipment, and emergency systems, where applicable:

- Procedures for using, inspecting, repairing, and replacing facility emergency and monitoring equipment.
- Key parameters for automatic waste feed cut-off systems
- Communications or alarm systems
- Response to fires or explosions
- Response to ground-water contamination incidents
- Shutdown of operations

The owner/operator must maintain the following documents at the facility:

- Job title for each position related to hazardous waste
- Name of employee filling each position
- Written job description for each position, including:
  - Requisite skill, education or other qualifications
  - Duties of facility personnel assigned to each position
- Written description of type and amount of both introductory and continuing education for persons filling a position
- Records documenting that personnel have received and completed the required training or job experience.

Note: Training records of “roving employees” are to be maintained at a central location, and provided upon request.

Minimum Standards for SQG Training Programs

Small Quantity Generator
A business is a Small Quantity Generator (SQG) if the business generates (in any calendar month) less than 1,000 kilograms (2,200 pounds or approximately 270 gallons) of hazardous waste and accumulates no more than 6,000 kilograms (13,200 pounds or approximately 1,620 gallons) of hazardous waste onsite at any time.

The following requirements apply to training programs for SQG’s [see California Code of Regulations, Title Section 66262.34(d)(2) which references 40 Code of Federal Regulations section 262.34(d)].

- The generator must ensure that all employees are thoroughly familiar with proper waste handling and emergency procedures, relevant to their responsibilities during normal facility operations and emergencies.