

WAC 173-303-075 Certification of designation. (1) Purpose and applicability.

(a) The purpose of WAC 173-303-075 is to establish procedures by which the generator of a solid waste may apply to the department for a review of his waste, and for a determination of the designation of his waste. When a final determination is made, the department will issue a certificate of designation which will describe the status of the generator's waste with respect to the designation requirements of this chapter 173-303 WAC.

(b) The provisions of this section are applicable to any person who produces a solid waste, who may be subject to the requirements of this chapter 173-303 WAC as the generator of a dangerous waste and who wishes to obtain a certificate designating the status of his waste.

(2) Certification. Any person who produces a solid waste which could be a dangerous waste may apply to the department, in accordance with the guidelines published pursuant to WAC 173-303-075(4), for a certificate of designation for his waste.

(a) The certificate of designation will describe the status of the designation for a waste or wastes as follows:

(i) Either, the certificate will state that the waste or wastes listed in the certificate are designated dangerous waste; or

(ii) The certificate will state that the waste or wastes listed in the certificate are not designated dangerous waste under the designation lists or characteristics of WAC 173-303-080 through 173-303-090; or

(iii) The certificate will state that the waste or wastes listed in the certificate are not designated dangerous waste under the dangerous waste lists, characteristics or criteria, WAC 173-303-080 through 173-303-100.

(b) The certificate of designation will, at a minimum, include the following information:

(i) The name, address, telephone number and, where applicable, the EPA/state identification number of the person to whom the certificate is issued;

(ii) A statement of the status of the designation of the waste or wastes listed in the certificate and, if designated, whether DW or EHW;

(iii) A listing of the waste or wastes for which the certificate has been issued;

(iv) The signature of the director or his designee;

(v) The date on which the certificate was issued; and

(vi) The period of time or conditions for which the certificate is valid.

(c) Once a certificate of designation has been issued to a person, that person is no longer subject to the designation procedures of WAC 173-303-080 through 173-303-100, unless the period of time for which the certificate is valid expires, the conditions under which the certificate is valid change, or the department withdraws its certification of designation in accordance with WAC 173-303-075(5). If the certificate states that the waste or wastes listed in it are designated, then the person to whom the certificate is issued must comply with all applicable requirements of this chapter 173-303 WAC. If the certificate states that the waste or wastes listed in it are not designated, then the person to whom the certificate is issued is not subject to the requirements of this chapter 173-303 WAC, unless the certificate becomes invalid or the department withdraws its certification.

(d) While an application for a certificate of designation is pending final action by the department, the person applying for certification must comply with all applicable requirements of this chapter 173-303 WAC.

(e) While a certificate of designation is being amended, in accordance with WAC 173-303-075(5), the certificate will remain in effect except for those parts of the certificate which the department specifically suspends.

(3) Designation. Determination of the status of designation for a waste or wastes for which a certificate of designation is being sought will follow the procedures set forth in this subsection.

(a) A waste will be certified as a dangerous waste if it is designated under any of the methods set forth in WAC 173-303-080 through 173-303-100.

(b) A waste will be certified as not a dangerous waste if:

(i) It has only been checked against WAC 173-303-080 through 173-303-090 (lists and characteristics) and it is not designated; or

(ii) It has been checked against the dangerous waste lists, characteristics and criteria, WAC 173-303-080 through 173-303-100, and it is not designated.

(4) Application. Any person who wishes to apply for a certificate of designation must do so according to the certification guidelines published by and available from the department. The department will follow the procedures specified in the certification guidelines when considering an application for a certificate.

(5) Review of certification. Review of and changes to or withdrawal of certificates of designation will be performed by the department according to the procedures specified in the certification guidelines, available from the department. At a minimum, the certification guidelines provide for the following procedures:

(a) The department will periodically review each certificate of designation to insure that it is current and accurately states the proper designation for the waste or wastes listed on the certificate.

(b) The department may amend, or any person with a certificate of designation may request the department to amend, any certificate in the event that changes to the certificate are necessary to keep it current or maintain its accuracy. The person will obtain concurrence of the department if he wishes to amend his certificate to reflect changes in the information on the certificate (e.g., new wastes, changes in waste properties, changes of address, etc.).

(c) The department reserves the authority to withdraw any certificate of designation if there is reason to believe that the certificate results in a threat to public health or the environment. If a certificate is withdrawn, then the waste or wastes listed on the certificate will be subject to all applicable requirements of this chapter 173-303 WAC.

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