

WAC 173-303-240 Requirements for transporters of dangerous waste. (1) Applicability. This section establishes standards that apply to persons transporting dangerous waste and transporters who own or lease and operate a transfer facility.

(2) A transporter must have a current EPA/state ID#. Transporters must comply with the notification and identification requirements of WAC 173-303-060. A transporter who has previously obtained an EPA/state ID# in another state is not required to obtain a new ID# when operating in Washington state. Transporters who must comply with the generator requirements as a result of a spill at a transfer facility or during transport must obtain a separate generator EPA/state ID# for the spill.

(3) Any person who transports a dangerous waste must comply with the requirements of WAC 173-303-240 through 173-303-270, when the dangerous waste must be manifested in accordance with WAC 173-303-180.

(4) Any person who transports a dangerous waste must also comply with the requirements of WAC 173-303-170 through 173-303-230 for generators, if they:

(a) Transport dangerous waste into the state from another country; or

(b) Mix dangerous waste of different United States DOT shipping descriptions by mixing them into a single container.

(5) These requirements do not apply to on-site (as defined in WAC 173-303-040) transportation of dangerous waste by generators, or by owners or operators of permitted TSD facilities.

(6) Transfer facility. The requirements of this subsection apply to a transporter or marine terminal operator who owns or leases and operates a transfer facility. Transfer of a shipment of dangerous waste from one transport vehicle to another transport vehicle, from one container to another container, and from one transporter to another transporter and any ten-day storage activities may only occur at a transfer facility that is registered with the department. A transporter may store manifested shipments of dangerous waste in containers meeting the requirements of WAC 173-303-190 (1), (2), (3), and (5) for ten days or less at a transfer facility, without complying with the final facility requirements of WAC 173-303-600 and without obtaining a storage permit under WAC 173-303-800, provided that they comply with the following:

(a) A transporter who owns or leases and operates a transfer facility within Washington that is related to their dangerous waste transportation activities must register with the department. Washington registration is not required for a transporter whose activities are limited to passing through Washington with shipments of dangerous waste or picking up shipments from Washington generators or delivering shipments to designated treatment, storage or disposal facilities. In order to obtain registration, a transporter must complete a Dangerous Waste Site Identification Form according to the instructions and submit it to the department;

(b) Maintains ten-day storage records that include the dates that a manifested shipment of dangerous waste entered the facility and departed the facility. The ten-day records must be retained for a period of three years from the date the shipment was transported from the transfer facility;

(c) WAC 173-303-310 (1) and (2) (Security). Instead of WAC 173-303-310(2) for an enclosed or an open flatbed transport vehicle parked at a transfer facility that has no twenty-four-hour surveillance system or natural or artificial barrier, the transport vehicle

must meet the placarding requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 172 and be secured (that is, locked) or the shipment must be transferred to a secured area of the facility to prevent unknowing entry and minimize unauthorized entry;

(d) WAC 173-303-320 General inspection. Instead of keeping inspection records for a period of five years from the date of inspection in WAC 173-303-320 (2)(d), inspection records must be kept at the transfer facility for one year from the date of inspection;

(e) WAC 173-303-330 Personnel training;

(f) WAC 173-303-340 Preparedness and prevention except WAC 173-303-340(3) (Aisle space);

(g) WAC 173-303-350 Contingency plan and emergency procedures;

(h) WAC 173-303-360 Emergencies;

(i) WAC 173-303-630 (2), (3), (4), (5)(a) and (b), (8), (9)(a) and (b) and (10) (Use and management of containers). In addition, when consolidating the contents of two or more containers with the same dangerous waste into a container, or when combining and consolidating two different dangerous wastes that are compatible with each other, the transporter must label or mark each container in accordance with WAC 173-303-630(3) and with the applicable dangerous waste number(s) (dangerous waste codes);

(j) WAC 173-303-630(7) in areas where waste is transferred from container to container and in areas where containers are stored outside in the weather. The secondary containment system must be completed by October 15, 2001. The department may, on a case-by-case basis, grant an extension to the required completion date if the transporter has a design and has entered into binding financial or other agreements for construction prior to October 15, 2001;

(k) The requirements of WAC 173-303-630(7) may be required in areas other than those described in WAC 173-303-240 (6)(j) if the department determines that there is a potential threat to public health and the environment due to the nature of the wastes being stored or due to a history of spills or releases from waste stored in containers.

(7) Transporter exemptions. A transporter will not be required to comply with the following:

(a) The requirements of WAC 173-303-240(6) in the event of an emergency or other unforeseen event beyond the reasonable control of the transporter during transit over public highway, rail track or water route and the waste shipment is loaded, reloaded or transferred to another transport vehicle or container to facilitate transportation;

(b) The requirements of WAC 173-303-240 (6)(i) and (j) for dangerous waste that is stored in a secured, enclosed transport vehicle, intermodal container or portable tank during the time it is parked at a transfer facility;

(c) The requirements of WAC 173-303-240 (6)(i) and (j) for a transfer facility that is located at a pier, dock or barge unloading facility and associated with the loading and unloading of water vessels: Provided, That the dangerous waste shipment is stored within a transport unit, as defined under 49 C.F.R. Part 176, and accepted by the approval authority of the United States Coast Guard;

(d) The requirements of WAC 173-303-240 (6)(j) for dangerous waste that is stored within a building: Provided, That the floor is compatible with and sufficiently impervious to the waste stored and is designed and operated so that any release or spill will be captured within the building and will prevent any waste from migrating to the soil, groundwater or surface water.

(8) A transporter who accumulates or stores manifested shipments of dangerous waste for more than ten days at a transfer facility is subject to the dangerous waste management facility general requirements and permit requirements of this chapter with respect to the storage of those wastes.

(9) Reference to WAC 173-303-200 in 173-303-240(4) does not constitute authority for storage in excess of ten days for a transporter who owns or leases and operates a transfer facility.

(10) The regulations in WAC 173-303-250 through 173-303-260 do not apply to transportation during an explosives or munitions emergency response, conducted in accordance with WAC 173-303-400 (2)(c)(xiii)(A)(IV) or (xiii)(D) or WAC 173-303-600 (3)(p)(i)(D) or (3)(p)(iv), and WAC 173-303-800 (7)(c)(i)(C) or (D).

(11) A transporter of hazardous waste subject to the manifesting requirements of WAC 173-303-180 or to the universal waste management standards of WAC 173-303-573, that is being imported from or exported to any other country for purposes of recovery or disposal is subject to this section and to all other relevant requirements of 40 C.F.R. Subpart H of Part 262 including, but not limited to, 40 C.F.R. 262.83 and 262.84 for movement documents. 40 C.F.R. Subpart H is incorporated by reference at WAC 173-303-230(1).

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