

**SUBCHAPTER B: HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**  
**§§335.41, 335.43 - 335.47**  
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**§335.41. Purpose, Scope and Applicability.**

(a) The purpose of this chapter is to implement a state hazardous waste program which controls from point of generation to ultimate disposal those wastes which have been identified by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 261.

(b) Subchapter E of this chapter (relating to Interim Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, or Disposal Facilities); Subchapter F of this chapter (relating to Permitting Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste, Treatment, Storage, or Disposal Facilities); §335.12 of this title (relating to Shipping Requirements Applicable to Owners or Operators of Treatment, Storage, or Disposal Facilities); and §335.15 of this title (relating to Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements Applicable to Owners or Operators of Treatment, Storage, or Disposal Facilities) do not apply to an owner or operator of a totally enclosed treatment facility, as defined in §335.1 of this title (relating to Definitions).

(c) Except as provided in §335.47 of this title (relating to Special Requirements for Persons Eligible for a Federal Permit by Rule), Subchapters E and F of this chapter do not apply to the owner or operator of a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) that processes, stores, or disposes of hazardous waste.

(d) Subchapters E and F of this chapter do not apply to:

(1) the owner or operator of an elementary neutralization unit provided that if the owner or operator is diluting hazardous ignitable (D001) wastes (other than the D001 High TOC Subcategory as defined in 40 CFR §268.40, Table Treatment Standards for Hazardous Wastes), or reactive (D003) waste, to remove the characteristic before land disposal, the owner/operator must comply with the requirements in 40 CFR §264.17(b);

(2) persons engaged in processing or containment activities during immediate response to a discharge of a hazardous waste; an imminent and substantial threat of discharge of hazardous waste; a discharge of a material which, when discharged, becomes a hazardous waste; or an immediate threat to human health, public safety, property, or the environment, from the known or suspected presence of military munitions, other explosive material, or an explosive device, as determined by an explosive or munitions emergency response specialist as defined in §335.1 of this title, except that:

(A) an owner or operator of a facility otherwise regulated under Subchapter E of this chapter must comply with all applicable requirements of §335.112(a)(2) and (3) of this title (relating to Standards) and §335.113 of this title (relating to Reporting of Emergency Situations by Emergency Coordinator);

(B) an owner or operator of a facility otherwise regulated under Subchapter F of this chapter must comply with all applicable requirements of §335.152(a)(2) and (3) of this title (relating to Standards) and §335.153 of this title (relating to Reporting of Emergency Situations by Emergency Coordinator);

(C) any person who continues or initiates hazardous waste processing or containment activities after the immediate response is over is subject to all applicable requirements of Subchapters E and F of this chapter and Chapter 305 of this title (relating to Consolidated Permits); and

(D) in the case of an explosives or munitions emergency response, if a federal, state, tribal, or local official acting within the scope of his or her official responsibilities, or an explosives or emergency response specialist, determines that immediate removal of the material is necessary to protect human health or the environment, that official or specialist may authorize the removal of the material or waste by transporters who do not have EPA identification numbers and without the preparation of a manifest. In the case of emergencies involving military munitions, the responding military emergency response specialist's organizational unit must retain records for three years identifying the dates of the response, the responsible persons responding, the type and description of material addressed, and its disposition;

(3) persons adding absorbent material to waste in a container, as defined in §335.1 of this title and persons adding waste to absorbent material in a container, provided that these actions occur at the time that waste is first placed in the container, and that in the case of permitted facilities, 40 CFR §§264.17(b), 264.171, and 264.172 are complied with, and for all other facilities, 40 CFR §§265.17(b), 265.171, and 265.172 are complied with;

(4) a farmer disposing of waste pesticides from the farmer's own use in compliance with §335.77 of this title (relating to Farmers);

(5) the owner or operator of a wastewater treatment unit, as defined in §335.1 of this title, provided that the wastewater is discharged in accordance with a Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System authorization issued under Texas Water Code, Chapter 26, and if the owner or operator is diluting hazardous ignitable (D001) wastes (other than the D001 High TOC Subcategory as defined in 40 CFR §268.40) or reactive (D003) waste to remove the characteristic before land disposal, must comply with the requirements in 40 CFR §264.17(b);

(6) the owner or operator of a wastewater treatment unit, as defined in §335.1 of this title, located at a noncommercial solid waste management facility that discharges to a publicly owned treatment works, provided that if the owner or operator is diluting hazardous ignitable (D001) wastes (other than the D001 High TOC Subcategory as defined in 40 CFR §268.40) or reactive (D003) waste to remove the characteristic before land disposal, must comply with the requirements in 40 CFR §264.17(b);

(7) the owner or operator of a wastewater treatment unit, as defined in §335.1 of this title, located at a municipal solid waste facility or commercial industrial solid waste landfill disposal facility that discharges to a publicly owned treatment works liquid wastes that are incidental to the handling, processing, storage, or disposal of solid wastes, provided that if the owner or operator is diluting hazardous ignitable (D001) wastes (other than the D001 High TOC Subcategory as defined in 40

CFR §268.40) or reactive (D003) waste to remove the characteristic before land disposal, must comply with the requirements in 40 CFR §264.17(b); or

(8) the owner or operator of a wastewater treatment unit, as defined in §335.1 of this title, located at a commercial industrial solid waste facility that receives waste for discharge to a publicly owned treatment works, provided that if the owner or operator is diluting hazardous ignitable (D001) wastes (other than the D001 High TOC Subcategory as defined in 40 CFR §268.40) or reactive (D003) waste to remove the characteristic before land disposal, must comply with the requirements in 40 CFR §264.17(b), but is subject to the permitting requirements of §335.2(n) of this title (relating to Permit Required).

(e) Subchapter E of this chapter does not apply to:

(1) a person who stores, processes, or disposes of hazardous waste on-site and meets the requirements of §335.78 of this title (relating to Special Requirements for Hazardous Waste Generated by Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators); or

(2) the owner or operator of a solid waste facility who stores, processes, or disposes of hazardous waste received from a conditionally exempt small quantity generator.

(f) The following requirements apply to residues of hazardous waste in containers.

(1) Subchapters B - F and O of this chapter (relating to Hazardous Waste Management General Provisions; Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Waste; Standards Applicable to Transporters of Hazardous Waste; Interim Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, or Disposal Facilities; Permitting Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste, Treatment, Storage, or Disposal Facilities; and Land Disposal Restrictions) do not apply to any hazardous waste remaining in either an empty container or an inner liner removed from an empty container, as defined in paragraph (2) of this subsection. This exemption does not apply to any hazardous waste in either a container that is not empty or an inner liner removed from a container that is not empty.

(2) For purposes of determining whether a container is empty under this subsection, the following provisions apply:

(A) a container or an inner liner removed from a container that has held any hazardous waste, except a waste that is a compressed gas or that is identified as an acute hazardous waste listed in 40 CFR §§261.31, 261.32, or 261.33(e) is empty if:

(i) all wastes have been removed that can be using the practices commonly employed to remove materials from that type of container, e.g., pouring, pumping, and aspirating; and

(ii) no more than 2.5 centimeters (one inch) of residue remains on the bottom of the container or inner liner; or

(iii) no more than 3.0% by weight of the total capacity of the container remains in the container or inner liner if the container is less than or equal to 119 gallons in size, or no more than 0.3% by weight of the total capacity of the container remains in the container or inner liner if the container is greater than 119 gallons in size;

(B) a container that has held a hazardous waste that is a compressed gas is empty when the pressure in the container approaches atmosphere; or

(C) a container or an inner liner removed from a container that has held an acute hazardous waste listed in 40 CFR §§261.31, 261.32, or 261.33(e) is empty if:

(i) the container or inner liner has been triple rinsed using a solvent capable of removing the commercial chemical product or manufacturing chemical intermediate;

(ii) the container or inner liner has been cleaned by another method that has been shown in the scientific literature, or by tests conducted by the generator, to achieve equivalent removal; or

(iii) in the case of a container, the inner liner that prevented contact of the commercial chemical product or manufacturing chemical intermediate with the container has been removed.

(g) Subchapters B - F and O of this chapter do not apply to hazardous waste that is managed as a recyclable material described in §335.24(b) and (c) of this title (relating to Requirements for Recyclable Materials and Nonhazardous Recyclable Materials), except to the extent that requirements of these subchapters are referred to in Subchapter H of this chapter and Chapter 324 of this title (relating to Used Oil Standards).

(h) Subchapters E and F of this chapter apply to owners or operators of all facilities that treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste referred to in Subchapter O of this chapter.

(i) Except as provided in §335.47 of this title, Subchapter F of this chapter does not apply to persons disposing of hazardous waste by means of underground injection. However, Subchapter F of this chapter does apply to the aboveground storage or processing of hazardous waste before it is injected underground.

(j) Except as specified in Subchapter H, Division 5 of this chapter (relating to Universal Waste Rule), Subchapters B - F and O of this chapter and Chapter 305 of this title do not apply to universal wastes, universal waste handlers, or universal waste transporters as defined in §335.261 of this title (relating to Universal Waste Rule). Universal wastes are not fully regulated hazardous wastes, but are subject to regulation under Subchapter H, Division 5 of this chapter.

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**§335.43. Permit Required.**

(a) Except as provided in §335.2 of this title (relating to Permit Required), no person shall store, process, or dispose of hazardous waste without first having obtained a permit from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

(b) Upon receipt of federal Hazardous and Solid Waste Act (HSWA) authorization for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's Hazardous Waste Program, the commission shall be authorized to enforce the HSWA provisions that the EPA imposed in hazardous waste permits that were issued before the HSWA authorization was granted.

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**§335.44. Application for Existing On-Site Facilities.**

(a) In order to satisfy the application deadline specified in §335.2(c) of this title (relating to Permit Required), an application must be submitted prior to that date which contains information defining the following:

- (1) owner(s) and operator(s) of the facility;
- (2) description of the site;
- (3) description of the facility and all facility components;
- (4) identification of wastes generated, stored, processed, or disposed, together with quantities and sources; and
- (5) methods and types of operations used in the storage, processing, or disposal of wastes.

(b) In addition to the information required in subsection (a) of this section, a complete application, required prior to action on an application by the commission, must include the following:

- (1) engineering plans and specifications and other documentation necessary to demonstrate that all components of the facility design, construction, and operation conform to standards established by the commission; and
- (2) information describing actions necessary to bring existing facilities into compliance with commission standards and a schedule for completion of such actions.

(c) An application form can be obtained from the executive director for each geographical location for which the storage, processing, or disposal of hazardous waste is proposed.

(d) The application shall be signed by the applicant or by a duly authorized agent, employee, officer, or representative of the applicant and shall be verified before a notary public.

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**§335.45. Effect on Existing Facilities.**

(a) Effect on permitted off-site facilities. Subchapters B - E of this chapter (relating to Hazardous Waste Management General Provisions; Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Waste; Standards Applicable to Transporters of Hazardous Waste; and Interim Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Storage, Processing, or Disposal Facilities), provide minimum requirements applicable to all persons generating, transporting, storing, processing, and disposing of hazardous waste. All persons holding permits or any other authorizations from the commission or its predecessor agencies, which relate to hazardous waste, shall meet the requirements of Subchapter E of this chapter until final administrative disposition of their permit application pursuant to standards prescribed by Subchapter F of this chapter (relating to Permitting Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Storage, Processing, or Disposal Facilities) is made. However, where the permit or authorization specifies additional or more stringent requirements, the provisions of the permit or authorization shall be complied with.

(b) Effect on off-site facilities without a permit to re-use, recycle, or reclaim hazardous waste, or to burn hazardous waste in boilers or industrial furnaces. Any person who has commenced the off-site storage, processing, or disposal of hazardous wastes, or activities that are listed, identified or described by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 261, on or before the effective date of statutory or regulatory amendments under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, 42 United States Code §§6901 et seq., concerning the re-use, recycling, or reclamation of hazardous waste, or relating to the burning of hazardous waste in boilers or industrial furnaces, that render such wastes or activities subject to the requirements to have a hazardous waste permit, shall file an application with the commission on or before the effective date of such amendments, which includes the applicable information required by §335.44 of this title (relating to Application for Existing On-site Facilities). Any person who has commenced off-site storage, processing, or disposal of hazardous waste on or before the effective date of such amendments, who has filed a hazardous waste permit application with the commission on or before the effective date of such amendments in accordance with the rules and regulations of the commission, and who complies with requirements in this chapter applicable to such activities, may continue the off-site storage, processing, or disposal of the newly listed or identified wastes or waste activities until such time as the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission approves or denies the application. In cases where the aforementioned federal statutory or regulatory amendments become effective prior to the effective date of state statutory or regulatory amendments under Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 361, submittal to the executive director of a copy of the properly filed EPA permit application within 30 days of the effective date of the applicable state statutory or regulatory requirements shall constitute compliance with this subsection with regard to application filing requirements. Facilities that have received a permit for the re-use, recycling, or reclamation of hazardous waste in accordance with Subchapter F of this chapter are not required to comply with this subsection and may operate pursuant to their existing permit. Such permits, however, are subject to amendment under §305.62 of this title (relating to Amendment) or to

modification under §305.69 of this title (relating to Solid Waste Permit Modification at the Request of the Permittee) to reflect new regulatory requirements.

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**§335.46. Sharing of Information.**

Any information obtained or used by the commission in the administration of a hazardous waste program authorized under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, §3006 and 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 271 shall be available to the Environmental Protection Agency upon request without restriction. If the information has been submitted to the commission under a claim of confidentiality, the commission shall submit that claim to the Environmental Protection Agency when providing information under this section. Any information obtained from the commission and subject to a claim of confidentiality will be treated by the Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with 40 CFR Part 2. If the Environmental Protection Agency obtains information that is not claimed to be confidential, the Environmental Protection Agency may make that information available to the public without further notice.

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**§335.47. Special Requirements for Persons Eligible for a Federal Permit by Rule.**

(a) The following persons are eligible for a permit by rule under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §270.60:

- (1) the owner or operator of a barge or other vessel which accepts hazardous waste for ocean disposal;
- (2) the owner or operator of a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) which accepts hazardous waste for treatment; and
- (3) the owner or operator of an injection well used to dispose of hazardous waste.

(b) To be eligible for a permit by rule, such person shall comply with the requirements of 40 CFR §270.60 and the following rules:

- (1) 40 CFR §264.11 (EPA identification number);
- (2) 40 CFR §264.73(a) and (b)(1) (operating record);
- (3) 40 CFR §264.75 (biennial report);
- (4) §335.12 of this title (relating to Shipping Requirements Applicable to Owners or Operators of Storage, Processing, or Disposal Facilities); and

(5) §335.15 of this title (relating to Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements Applicable to Owners or Operators of Storage, Processing, or Disposal Facilities).

(c) In addition to the requirements stated in subsection (b) of this section, the owner or operator of an injection well used to dispose of hazardous waste shall:

(1) comply with the applicable personnel training requirements of 40 CFR §264.16;

(2) when abandonment is completed, submit to the executive director certification by the owner or operator and certification by a Texas licensed professional engineer that the facility has been closed in accordance with the specifications in §331.46 of this title (relating to Closure Standards); and

(3) for underground injection control permits issued after November 8, 1984, comply with §335.167 of this title (relating to Corrective Action for Solid Waste Management Units). Where the underground injection well is the only unit at a facility which requires a permit, comply with 40 CFR §270.14(d) (concerning information requirements for solid waste management units). Persons who dispose of hazardous waste by means of underground injection must obtain a permit under the Texas Water Code, Chapter 27.

(d) In addition to the requirements stated in subsection (b) of this section, the owner or operator of a POTW which accepts hazardous waste for treatment shall:

(1) meet all federal, state, and local pretreatment requirements which would be applicable to the waste if it were being discharged into the POTW through a sewer, pipe, or similar conveyance; and

(2) for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits issued after November 8, 1984, comply with §335.167 of this title.

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