Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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What Landfills Need to Know About Ohio's Asbestos Removal Rules

New rules could affect the types of asbestos-containing materials that may be accepted at landfills. Ohio EPA's Division of Air Pollution Control recently amended existing regulations governing asbestos emission control. These rule changes, effective on March 2, 2012, were enacted to make Ohio's asbestos regulations consistent with the federal asbestos regulation in the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). Prior to March 2, your facility may have been permitted to accept certain asbestos-containing materials including Category I and Category II nonfriable asbestos.

Now all category II nonfriable asbestos-containing material may be disposed only at a landfill with a NESHAP condition in the facility's air permit that allows acceptance of regulated asbestos-containing material (RACM). To ensure that you are in compliance with these amended regulations, Ohio EPA recommends that landfill owners and operators promptly review their facility air permit to identify asbestos-containing materials allowable and prohibited for disposal.

What types of asbestos-containing material is my facility permitted to accept?

A solid waste or construction and demolition debris (C&DD) landfill that does not have a NESHAP condition in the facility's air permit allowing them to accept RACM may accept only the following asbestos-containing material for disposal:

- Category I nonfriable asbestos-containing material;
- Asbestos-containing material from the renovation/demolition of a residential exempt structure; and
- Asbestos-containing material from the renovation or demolition of non-residential structures that are not part of larger project that contain asbestos-containing material below the regulatory threshold amounts (260 linear feet/160 square feet/35 cubic feet).

How can I get authority to accept other categories of asbestos-containing material?

To be able to accept other categories of asbestos-containing material beyond what is specified above, you should contact the Division of Air Pollution Control in your district office or local air agency. If you accept other categories of material beyond what is specified above without the required permit from the Division of Air Pollution Control, your facility may be in violation of Ohio EPA regulations and thereby subject to enforcement.

How can I get more information about the new requirements?

To learn more about the asbestos emission control rules, and how they apply to disposal at solid waste and C&DD landfills, please go to the following web link: ***http://ohioepa.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/2320/kw/asbestos%20disposal***

To determine which Ohio EPA district office or local air agency regulates your facility, please go to the following link: ***www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/atu/asbestos/asb_cont.aspx***.

If you have general questions regarding asbestos-containing materials, please contact the Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-2270. Questions related to the disposal of asbestos-containing materials should be directed to the Division of Materials and Waste Management at (614) 644-2621.

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