

## Processing and Transfer Facilities

Transfer facilities are used for re-handling of solid waste. These types of facilities must be permitted and licensed, if the waste handled at the site either exceeds 200 cubic yards of un-compacted waste per day or the site receives waste from vehicles with mechanical compaction devices. Transfer facilities can usually accept any non-hazardous solid waste. Transfer facilities that do not require a permit or license to operate must comply with transfer facility operating requirements in accordance with Rule 507 (R 299.4507) of [Part 115](#).

A processing facility is used to process solid waste, e.g. the material brought to the site is intended to be separated for salvage or disposal or both. A processing facility must be permitted and licensed in order to operate. A processing facility must operate in accordance with Rule 509 (R 299.4509) of [Part 115](#).

A facility can be both a transfer facility and a processing facility, depending on the type(s) of activity that take place at the site.

### **COMMON VIOLATIONS INCLUDE:**

#### **For both transfer and processing facilities:**

- Not having a responsible individual on duty to limit access to the facility.
- Not having a sign conspicuously posted at the entrance to the facility that states the hours during which the facility can receive solid waste.
- Not ensuring that solid waste is confined to approved areas, i.e. the designated handling or loading/unloading area and within the facility's licensed area.
- Not ensuring that dust and odor from operations at the facility remain controlled at all times.
- Not maintaining roadways in a manner that prevents a mud and dust nuisance.
- Accepting solid waste from Michigan counties that are not authorized in the applicable county solid waste management plans.

#### **For transfer facilities:**

- Not ensuring that solid waste is removed from the facility at least once per week.
- Not ensuring that the facility is cleaned at least once per week and failing to ensure the facility is kept free of litter.
- Not ensuring solid waste stored overnight is in closed containers or approved transporting units.

#### **For processing facilities:**

- Operating the facility in a manner that causes a nuisance or health hazard, e.g., not keeping the facility clean and free of litter.
- Not maintaining a detailed log of daily activity for at least three years and failure to make that log available upon request to the department or local units of government.

Above are violations that have been identified during inspections by Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Waste Management Division staff. The violations are not listed in order of severity or frequency of findings. The requirements are referenced in [Part 115](#) of Act 451.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCE LINKS:**

The Waste Management Division has developed operational memos to clarify several areas of solid waste