

## USED OIL BIENNIAL REPORT

Used oil processors, re-refiners, and transfer facilities storing used oil more than 35 days, are required to submit used oil biennial reports by March 1 of each even numbered year that covers the previous year's activities. This report is required per state and federal used oil management standards [[40 CFR 279.57\(b\)](#), [40 CFR 279.45](#), and [R 299.0813\(3\)](#)].

Besides the transfer facilities, other facilities required to submit the biennial report are those managing used oil for the purpose of making it more amenable for production of fuel oils, lubricants, or other used oil-derived products. Processing includes all of the following:

- ✓ Filtration
- ✓ Simple distillation
- ✓ Re-refining
- ✓ Blending used oil with virgin petroleum products
- ✓ Blending used oils to meet fuel specifications
- ✓ Chemical or physical separation

Activities a facility generating used oil may do that are not considered processing are:

- Filtering, separating, or otherwise reconditioning their own generated used oil before burning it in an on-site space heater
- Filtering, cleaning, or otherwise reconditioning the used oil before reuse
- Using an oil water separator so the wastewater can meet discharge requirements
- Using oil mist collectors to remove small droplets of used oil from in-plant air to make plant air suitable for continued recirculation
- Draining used oil from other materials (e.g. draining oil filters)

Transporters may do the following without submitting a biennial report and meeting the processor/re-refiner requirements:

- Conduct incidental processing that occurs during the normal course of transportation (e.g. settling and water separation)
- Filtering used oil removed from electrical transformers and turbines prior to being returned to its original use
- Store the used oil at a used oil transfer facility for less than 35 days that meets the requirements in 40 CFR 279.45. Examples of used oil transfer facilities include loading docks, parking areas, storage areas, and other areas where shipments of used oil are held more than 24 hours during the normal course of transportation and no longer than 35 days.

Submit the report in the form of a letter to:

DEQ Waste and Hazardous Materials Division  
Hazardous Waste Section  
Attn: Jack Schinderle  
PO Box 30241  
Lansing MI 48909-7741

The report summarizing the used oil activities must include at a minimum:

- The year the report covers
- Company name and address
- Site identification number
- Amount of used oil accepted for processing
- Description how the oil is processed
- Contact name and phone number that the DEQ may call if there are questions

The DEQ does not have a form for this report. If you have questions, call the Environmental Assistance Program at 800-662-9278.



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