

Waste Webinar Series

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Materials Management Division (MMD) proudly presents the Waste Webinar Series. The series, which was first recorded in 2016, is refreshed every couple of years to provide the most up-to-date information. This series is design to help Michigan facilities achieve and maintain compliance with the hazardous waste and liquid industrial by-products regulations. Sites handling these waste streams are encouraged to attend or view the recordings of all webinars that apply to site-specific waste activities. A self-certification form is provided for you to document that the training was completed. These free, introductory webinars feature firsthand experiences from MMD inspectors. Anyone responsible for environmental, health, and safety compliance would benefit from participating in and/or viewing the webinars. Registrants will get a follow-up e-mail with additional topic specific resources and a link to the session recording. Don't miss out, check them out today!

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What healthcare and e-cigarette retailers need to know about new federal hazardous waste regulations (August 21, 2025)

In 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated federal hazardous waste pharmaceuticals rules regulating the management of pharmaceuticals and e-cigarettes. As required by federal mandate, Michigan adopted the federal regulations into Michigan's Hazardous Waste Program effective May 5, 2025. The new rules rescind Michigan's designation of pharmaceuticals as a universal waste. Learn who is subject to these new rules, how to notify of this waste activity, and how these waste streams must be managed and disposed.

Waste 101 (October 21, 2025, 10-11am)

Learn the basics about the various types of waste, what regulations apply, to whom, and who implements the enforcement program. Attendees will come away with a big picture perspective of how the waste regulations work and what common wastes fall into the various regulations out there, including those that overlap. The webinar covers hazardous waste, liquid industrial by-products, solid waste, PCB waste, medical waste, radiological waste, and recycling.

Common hazardous waste violations (November 12, 2025, 1-2pm)

Learn what inspectors look for during their site walk-through. See examples of the good, the bad, and the ugly that inspectors see in the field. Hear how EGLE responds to non-compliance matters needing correction.

Hazardous waste and liquid industrial by-products characterization and generator status (November 25, 2025, 10-11am)

Regulations require each business to evaluate the character and composition of their waste and determine the total weight of all hazardous waste generated each month at each site. Learn how to determine if a waste is a hazardous waste, liquid industrial by-product, or non-hazardous solid waste, and how to calculate a site's hazardous waste generator status. Without this information, you can't know the legal disposal options for the waste. This session focuses on a few common waste streams and highlights what inspectors request to verify proper characterization and generator status determinations have been made.

Hazardous waste and liquid industrial by-products accumulation and labeling

(December 10, 2025, 1-2pm)

Learn about the accumulation and labeling requirements that apply to the management of hazardous waste and liquid industrial by-products at site generating these waste streams.

Hazardous waste and liquid Industrial by-products inspection and recordkeeping

(January 13, 2026, 10-11am)

Learn what to expect during an inspection and the specific records an inspector wants to see, such as waste characterizations, monthly waste inventories, uniform manifests, shipping documents, land disposal restriction records, and biennial reports. Attend to get an overview of what an inspector does when they come to your facility.

Universal waste (February 3, 2026, 10-11am)

Learn why the universal waste regulations exist, what a universal waste is, and how universal waste must be handled and disposed to meet the universal waste partial exemption from hazardous waste regulation.

Used oil and liquid industrial by-product handling requirements (February 24, 2026, 10-11am)

Learn about common liquid industrial by-products, including used oil, and how generators and receiving facilities must manage non-hazardous liquids like catch basin cleanout waste, antifreeze, brine, vegetable fats, leachate, and more.

Hazardous secondary materials - options and examples (March 10, 2026, 10-11am)

Learn what a hazardous secondary material (HSM) is, how it must be handled, the legitimacy criteria that must be met, and how this exemption from hazardous waste regulations benefits the generator, recycler, and the environment.

Very small hazardous waste and liquid industrial by-products generator requirements

(March 31, 2026, 10-11am)

Learn what a very small quantity generator (VSQG) is and what they must do to maintain their exemption from the hazardous waste regulations.

Hazardous waste and liquid industrial by-products transport permitting, registration, and documentation requirements (June 29, 2023)

Learn about the waste regulations that apply to collecting and diverting household hazardous waste and common small businesses wastes from being landfilled.

Scan this QR code for registration details and related guidance.



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