

## Hazardous Waste Generator Fee Facts

### How Is DEQ's Hazardous Waste Program Funded?

Oregon's hazardous waste program has several funding sources: a) tipping fees from the hazardous waste landfill in Arlington, b) hazardous waste generator fees, c) treatment, storage and disposal facility fees, d) cost recovery for certain permit and corrective action activities, e) a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and f) the state treasury general fund.

### Who is Required to Pay Hazardous Waste Generator Fees?

You must pay hazardous waste generator fees if you:

- generate more than 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of hazardous waste, in any calendar month; or
- generate more than 1 kilogram (2.2 pounds) of acutely hazardous waste, in any calendar month; or
- accumulate more than 1,000 kilograms (2,200 pounds) of hazardous waste at any time in a calendar year.

The amount of the fees depends on the quantity of hazardous waste you generate and how that waste is managed.

### What if My Business Has Never Generated More Than 220 Pounds of Hazardous Waste or More Than 2.2 Pounds of Acutely Hazardous Waste in a Month During The Calendar Year?

If your business has never generated more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste or more than 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste in any single calendar month, it is considered a Conditionally Exempt Generator (CEG), and neither activity verification nor waste generation fees are assessed. However, if you accumulate more than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste on-site, you are considered at least a Small Quantity Generator (SQG), and are required to report and to pay appropriate fees.

### How Are Fees Determined?

Hazardous waste generator fees have two components: an annual activity verification fee and a hazardous waste generation fee. Both are

combined to represent the total fee included on your hazardous waste invoice issued by DEQ.

### Annual Activity Verification Fee:

The annual activity verification fee is based on your generator category. All generators of hazardous waste, who have notified DEQ of their activities and obtained an DEQ/EPA identification number, must verify their basic registration information with DEQ annually, and are assessed a fee according to the reported generator category. Additional information about generator categories is available in the helpful hints section of the Hazardous Waste Reference Guidebook included with your Annual Hazardous Waste Reporting Forms. The three categories are:

Large Quantity Generators (LQGs) \$525

Small Quantity Generators (SQGs) \$300

Conditionally Exempt Generators (CEGs) \$ 0

### Annual Hazardous Waste Generation Fee:

LQGs and SQGs reporting hazardous waste generation and management during a calendar year are subject to this fee. Each generator's fee is calculated by multiplying the base fee (\$90 per metric ton) by the weight of each hazardous waste stream and by a fee factor ranging from 0.00 to 2.00. The fee factors reflect Oregon's hierarchy of preferred management methods and offer incentives to responsibly manage and reduce hazardous waste. These factors are listed below:

Management Method Unknown or Not Reported- \$2.00

Hazardous wastewater that is not managed immediately upon generation only in on-site elementary neutralization unit(s) (ENU) or wastewater treatment unit(s) (WWTU)- \$ 0.50  
Land Disposal- \$1.50

Incineration- \$1.00

Aqueous Inorganic Treatment- \$1.00



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Aqueous Organic Treatment; Aqueous Organic and Inorganic Treatment (combined)- \$1.00

RCRA-Exempt Management Elementary Neutralization Unit(s) (on-site) (includes only corrosive characteristic hazardous waste that is managed immediately upon generation only in an on-site elementary neutralization unit(s))- \$0.00

Sludge Treatment - \$1.00

Other Treatment- \$1.00

Stabilization- \$1.00

Energy Recovery (reuse as fuel)- \$0.75

Fuel Blending - \$0.75

Permitted Discharge under Clean Water Act, Section 402 or 307b (includes only hazardous wastewater that is managed immediately upon generation only in an on-site wastewater treatment unit(s))- \$0.00

Neutralization (off-site) - \$0.75

Solvents Recovery- \$0.50

Metals Recovery (for reuse)- \$0.50

Other Recovery- \$0.50

The examples below show how the total hazardous waste generator fees are determined, based on different fee factors, including the generator status fee.

#### **EXAMPLES OF CALCULATING HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATOR FEES**

**Landfill Disposal:** 4 metric tons [Annual Amount Generated] x \$90.00 [Base Fee, Per Metric Ton] x \$1.50 [Fee Factor] = \$540.00 [Waste Generation Fee] + \$300.00 [SQG Generator Status Activity Verification Fee\*] = \$840.00 [Total Invoice].

**Fuel Blending:** 4 metric tons [Annual Amount Generated] x \$90.00 [Base Fee, Per Metric Ton] x \$0.75 [Fee Factor] = \$270.00 [Waste Generation Fee] + \$300.00 [SQG Generator Status Activity Verification Fee\*] = \$570.00 [Total Invoice].

Assume no more than 2,200 lbs are generated in any one month.

Then annual maximum any one generator may pay in hazardous waste generation fees is \$22,500.

#### **When is My Payment Due?**

Invoices are sent out mid-year for hazardous waste generated and managed during the previous year. Payment must be received by the due date shown on the invoice. A late charge of ten percent of the fee due shall be assessed if the fees are not received by the Department by the due date. An additional late charge of ten percent of the unpaid amount shall also be assessed each 30 days the invoice remains unpaid. It is the responsibility of the generator to ensure payment is received at the Department by the due date. Invoices 90 days or more past due may be referred to the Department of Revenue or Small Claims Court for collection. In order to recover a portion of the costs for referral or collection, the invoice may be increased by an additional 20 percent of the unpaid amount or \$100.00, whichever is greater.

#### **Who Do I Call If I Have Questions About My Invoice?**

A contact name is listed in the upper left hand corner of your DEQ hazardous waste invoice. If you have specific questions about your invoice, please call the listed contact. If you have general questions about hazardous waste fees, please call Nancy Dollar at 503-229-6968, or toll free at 1-800-452-4011.

#### **How Can I Lower My Hazardous Waste Fee?**

Simple. Reduce the amount of hazardous waste you produce. If you have no alternative but to produce a hazardous waste, manage it in a way that provides you the greatest fee break. Call DEQ's Waste Reduction Assistance Program at the nearest regional office for more information on reduction opportunities. Phone numbers and locations are provided on the next page.

#### **DEQ's Waste Reduction Assistance Program (WRAP)**

The DEQ has numerous documents available for assistance in reduction planning including: Benefiting from Toxic Substance and Hazardous Waste Reduction: A Planning Guide for Oregon Businesses, The Toxics Use Reduction and Hazardous Waste Reduction Act, and applicable Oregon Administrative Rules. In addition, the



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Hazardous Waste Reduction Assistance Program (WRAP) can provide on-site technical assistance upon request. For more information, contact your nearest regional office. For a list of available publications, contact *DEQ Headquarters at 811 SW Sixth, Portland, OR 97204; (503) 229-5913 or (800) 452-4011.*



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