

# Waste (Hazardous)

## EPA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERATORS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

**What Activities Require This Permit?** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identification number requirement is not an actual permit, but a registration process with the state of North Carolina. The activity that requires an EPA identification number is for a hazardous waste generator that generates quantities, in a calendar month, greater than 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of non-acute hazardous waste; or 1 kilogram (2.2 pounds) or more of acute hazardous waste; or more than 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of any residue or contaminated soil, water, or other debris resulting from the cleanup of a spill. A generator that generates quantities above the threshold quantities may obtain an EPA identification number by requesting an EPA identification number electronically in EPA's RCRAInfo database.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** Obtaining an EPA identification number is not a permit, but rather a registration process. The purpose of an EPA identification number is to identify generators of hazardous waste above certain quantity thresholds for regulation.

**Who Issues This Permit?** The NCDEQ, Division of Waste Management's Hazardous Waste Section issues the EPA identification numbers through the EPA RCRAInfo database.

**How Much Will This Permit Cost?** The fee for obtaining an EPA identification number is based on the amount of hazardous waste generated in any given month: for a SQG (small quantity generator) generating 100 kilograms but less than 1,000 kilograms in a month the fee is \$300; for a LQG (large quantity generator) generating more than 1,000 kilograms in a calendar month and/or 1 kilogram of acute waste the fee is \$1,400 plus an additional fee of .70 cents per ton of waste generated.

**What Are My Payment Options for Fees?** The Hazardous Waste Section offers online payment (eCheck or credit card) of annual hazardous waste fees via the Hazardous Waste Self Service Portal at this link:

<https://ncdeq.dynamics365portals.us/wm-home/>

You will need your facility's EPA identification number and invoice number, as well as your bank routing and account numbers for e-Checks.

### **If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check?**

Make the check payable to: Hazardous Waste Section

Send the check to:

NCDEQ, Division of Waste Management  
Hazardous Waste Section  
1646 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh NC 27699-1646

To pay via mail with a paper check or money order, include EPA identification number and invoice number on the check.

### **Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit?**

All EPA identification number requests (or updates to existing EPA identification numbers) are made electronically through EPA's RCRAInfo database in the myRCRAid module. Here is the link to the RCRAInfo database:

<https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/rcrainfoprod/action/secured/login>

Anyone using RCRAInfo must first register and create an account in RCRAInfo. Here is a link to a tutorial for registering and using RCRAInfo: <https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/Waste%20Management/DWM/HW/8700-guidelines/Electronic-Filing-of-EPA-Notifications.pdf>

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** It can take a maximum of two weeks for the review and issuance of an EPA Identification Number. However, it is typically less than a couple of days.

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** EPA identification numbers are obtained (or site information is updated for sites with existing EPA identification numbers) electronically in the RCRAInfo database in the myRCRAid module at this link:

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**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** The EPA identification number is valid for as long as a facility is in business as a generator of hazardous waste. A subsequent notification is required for facility changes (i.e., changes in generator status, contact information, owner/operator, facility name change, address). Updates to site information are made in the RCRAInfo myRCRAid module (<https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/rcrainfoprod/action/secured/login>)

**Notes/Comments:** An EPA identification number is obtained from an EPA-authorized state. In North Carolina, the EPA identification number is obtained electronically using the EPA's RCRAInfo database. This is a type of registration that is required for all facilities that generate hazardous waste above certain quantities.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:**

[North Carolina General Statute \(N.C.G.S.\) 130A-294](#)

Hazardous Waste Rules and Regulations – <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/hw/rules>

**Link:** <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/hazardous-waste-section>

**Statewide Contact Information:**

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