

Hazardous Waste Short-term Emergency Permits

Program Description

In instances where there is an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment because a substance is too dangerous to move or is shock sensitive, the Division can issue a temporary emergency permit to allow the treatment, storage or disposal of the waste.

Who Can Apply

An emergency permit to treat, store or dispose of a waste that poses an imminent hazard may be issued to a non-permitted facility such as a local bomb squad, fire department, or law enforcement agency. An emergency permit may also be issued to a permitted facility to allow treatment, storage or disposal of a hazardous waste not covered by the existing permit, though this is rare.

Application Process

An emergency permit may be requested by telephone or be sent in writing. If the permit is issued verbally, a written permit will be provided within five days. The requesting facility must clearly specify the generator of the waste (if known), the hazardous wastes and in what quantities that are to be managed, and the manner and location of their treatment, storage or disposal. The request must also specify who will be managing the waste so that the Division can ensure that they are qualified to conduct the proposed activities.

Duration of Permit

A temporary emergency permit can be valid for up to 90 days, though most emergency permits are written to expire immediately after treatment occurs or within a few days to a week after issuance. Only a few permits have been issued for the full 90 days. An emergency permit may be terminated by the Division at any time if the Division determines that termination is appropriate to protect human health and the environment.

Fees

The Division charges document review and activities fees of ~~\$150~~ \$105* per hour, usually for the equivalent of two to three hours of processing and review time. The fee may be waived under certain circumstances as determined by the Division.

Public Participation

A Public Notice is published in a local newspaper that identifies the name and location of the facility the emergency permit was issued to and provides a brief description of the wastes involved, the actions authorized to handle the waste, the reasons for authorizing these actions and the duration of the permit.

Statutes and Regulations

CRS 25-15-303 et. seq.

Colorado Hazardous Waste Regulations 6 CCR 1007-3 Section 100.22 (a)

**Temporary fee reduction for calendar year 2012.*

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