

Waste Determination

Description

Making a hazardous waste determination is a critical requirement under the federal and state waste rules and is something the regulators focus on with each inspection. Waste determinations involve answering three basic questions:



1) Is the material a waste?

2) Does it exhibit an EPA [Characteristic](#)?

3) Is it an EPA [Listed waste](#)?

If the material is a waste and you answered YES to either of the other questions, it must be managed as a hazardous waste. Determinations are based on waste chemical content and process knowledge of the generator. A proper hazardous waste determination is the basis for correctly completing the hazardous waste label. Contact EH&S for assistance with making a proper waste determination. You can use the [Waste Determination Process Poster](#) for general guidance.