

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Environmental Protection Performance
Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites
Centralized impoundments
(§ 78a.59c)

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- 1) What time frame is anticipated to transfer from a centralized to a solid waste facility, and is waste prepared to have discussions with operators ready to engage in conversation?

The Waste Management Program is examining this very closely right now. If an operator wants to have this discussion, both the Waste Management and Oil and Gas Programs will be in contact with those operators prior to the effective date of the rulemaking. While the decision to seek the residual waste management permit must be made by April 8, 2017, but there are three years to actually get it done. The Waste Management and Oil and Gas programs has been contacting each individual centralized impoundment owner and operator to outline the operational and permitting requirements for existing centralized impoundments. (posted 10/19/16)