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GENERAL PERMIT WMGR023

PROCESSING OF WASTE OIL FOR BENEFICIAL USE BY THE
GENERATOR

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A. Description:

The approval herein granted is limited to the processing of waste oil (excluding used oil) and unused oil contaminated with water in mobile units or at a stationary facility for the purpose of reconditioning the oil which shall be reused by the generator of the waste oil or unused, contaminated oil. The approved processing is limited to filtration, centrifugation, ultrafiltration, and vacuum distillation.

B. Determination of Applicability Requirements:

A person or municipality that proposes to operate under the terms and conditions of this general permit after the date of permit issuance must obtain a "Determination of Applicability" ("DOA") from the appropriate Department Regional Office (see attached list) prior to commencing authorized activities under this general permit. A completed application on forms provided by the Department and the application fee may be submitted electronically through the Department's Public Upload with Electronic Payment website at:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/DataandTools/ElectronicSubmissions/Pages/default.aspx>.

If an alternative method of submitting the application and application fee is necessary, the appropriate Department Regional Office should be contacted for further instructions. No activities shall commence unless approved, in writing, by the Department.

C. Operating Conditions:

1. All activities conducted under the authorization granted in this permit shall be conducted in accordance with the permittee's application. Except to the extent the permit states otherwise, the permittee shall utilize materials as described in the permit application.
2. The processed oil shall be examined for contamination by solid particles ("cleanliness") using the current version of ISO 4406 from the International Organization for Standardization. The cleanliness of the processed oil, as expressed in terms of ISO Solid Contamination Code, shall be in a range acceptable to the customer for the particular use of the oil or 19/16, whichever is lower. Should the ISO Solid Contamination Code fall outside the range acceptable to the customer or above 19/16, the oil shall be processed again to the extent necessary to meet these requirements or be conveyed to a facility permitted to manage this waste.
3. The permittee shall perform a prequalification analysis prior to processing waste oil from a generator for the first time. The prequalification analysis shall include total halogens, flash point (for oils other than synthetic coolants) and PCBs (for transformer oils or from generators who service transformers). The prequalification analysis shall be retained for one year after the permittee ceases

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processing waste from the generator or until a new prequalification analysis is available for that generator's waste.

4. Prior to processing waste oil and unused, contaminated oils, the permittee shall visually inspect each container of waste for unusual characteristics, including the number of liquid phases, color, physical state, estimate the oil, water, and solids content using a centrifuge, and determine total halogens. Total halogens need not be determined on waste oil removed directly by the permittee from hydraulic equipment or transformers. For transformer oils or any oil from generators who service transformers, the permittee shall determine PCB concentration prior to processing the oil. The waste oil and unused, contaminated oils shall not be processed, and the permittee shall inform its customer that the waste has been rejected, if one of the following exists: 1) there is more than one liquid phase present, unless only two liquid phases are present which are identified as water and oil; 2) the flashpoint is less than 140oF; 3) the water level exceeds 10 percent; 4) the solids content exceeds 30 percent; 5) the PCBs exceed 50 ppm; or 6) the total halogens exceed 1000 ppm.
 - * If any waste oil contains more than 1000 ppm total halogens, the presumption that the waste oil was mixed with hazardous waste must be rebutted. The rebuttal shall consist of a demonstration showing that the waste oil does not contain halogenated hazardous waste listed under 40 CFR 261, Subchapter D as incorporated by reference in 25 Pa. Code § 261a. This demonstration may be made by showing that the waste oil does not contain significant concentrations of halogenated hazardous constituents. This rebuttal must be made prior to on-site processing or incorporation of the waste oil with other waste oil in the transportation vehicle. Documentation supporting this demonstration must be retained for five years.
5. The processing unit shall be set up and operated in a manner that prevents spills, leaks, or other releases.
6. If waste oil or unused, contaminated oil is stored in a storage tank(s) at the facility, the storage tanks shall not be located:
 - a. in a 100 year flood plain of water of this Commonwealth.
 - b. within 300 feet measured horizontally from an occupied dwelling unless the owner of the dwelling has provided a written waiver consenting to the facility being closer than 300 feet.
 - c. within 50 feet of a property line unless the permittee demonstrates that the actual processing of waste is not occurring within that distance or the owners of the occupied dwelling has provided a written waiver consenting to the facility being closer than 50 feet.
 - d. within 100 feet of a perennial or intermittent stream, unless storage and processing will not occur within that distance.

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- e. within 300 feet of a water source.
 - f. within 4 feet of a seasonal high water table.
 - g. within 300 yards of a park, playground, or building owned by a school district or parochial school used for instructional purposes.
 - h. within 300 feet of an exceptional value wetland.
7. Processed oil meeting the requirements of Condition C.2 of this general permit and destined for reuse as a substitute for a commercial virgin oil product cease to be waste unless one of the following occurs: 1) the processed oil is spilled, discharged, or otherwise disposed; 2) the processed oil is not used as a substitute for a commercial virgin oil product; 3) the processed oil is not used by the generator of the waste oil or unused, contaminated oil; 4) the processed oil is accumulated speculatively.
 8. Upon cessation of permitted operations at the facility, the permittee shall assure removal of all wastes and provide for the processing, recycling, beneficial use, or disposal of wastes in accordance with the SWMA, the environmental protection acts and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
 9. The processing of waste oil and unused, contaminated oils shall be in a manner that will not create a nuisance or be harmful to public health, safety, or the environment.
 10. The local police, fire department, or other appropriate state or local emergency response agencies shall be contacted immediately in the event of a fire, spill, or other hazard arising from the storage and processing of wastes that threatens public health, safety, and welfare, or the environment, and whenever necessary in the event of personal injury related to such storage.
 11. The permittee shall develop and implement a Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plan (PPC) that is consistent with the Department's most recent guidelines.
 12. The permittee shall comply with the fugitive emissions regulations under 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 123 (relating to standards for contaminants) issued under the Air Pollution Control Act, the Act of January 8, 1960, P.L. 2119, 35 P.S. §4005, and shall comply with all the applicable provisions of 25 Pa. Code §§123.1 and 123.2 (relating to prohibition of certain fugitive emissions and fugitive particulate matter).
 13. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to supersede, amend, or authorize a violation of any of the provisions of any valid and applicable local law, ordinance, or regulation, providing that said local law, ordinance, or regulation is not preempted by the Solid Waste Management Act (SWMA), 35 P.S. §§ 6018.101—6018.1001; and the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988, 53 P.S. §§4000.101, et seq.

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14. As a condition of this permit, if the permittee operates non-mobile processing equipment, they shall obtain from all landowners of their place of business where processing activities will occur, on a form provided by the Department, the authority to conduct the activities authorized by this permit and consent to allow authorized employees or agents of the Department to enter the permit area. This authorization and consent shall be obtained prior to the occurrence of processing at this location and be submitted to the Department (see attached list for appropriate address).
15. As a condition of this general permit and of the permittee's authority to conduct the activities authorized by this general permit, the permittee hereby authorizes and consents to allow authorized employees or agents of the Department, without advance notice or search warrant, upon presentation of appropriate credentials and without delay, to have access to and inspect all areas on which solid waste management activities are being, will be, or have been conducted. This authorization and consent shall include consent to collect samples of waste, soils, water, or gases; take photographs; perform measurements, surveys, and other tests; inspect any monitoring equipment; inspect the methods of operation and inspect and/or copy documents, books, and papers required by the Department to be maintained. This permit condition is referenced in accordance with Sections 6018.608 and 6018.610(7) of the SWMA, 35 P.S. §§ 6018.608 and 6018.610(7). This condition in no way limits any other powers granted under the SWMA.
16. Any independent contractors or agents retained by the permittee in the completion of activities authorized under this general permit shall be subject to compliance history review by the Department prior to performance of any activities, as specified by the SWMA.
17. Failure of measures herein approved to perform as intended, or as designed, or in compliance with the applicable laws, rules, and regulations and terms and conditions of this permit, for any reason, shall be grounds for the revocation or suspension of the permittee's approval to operate under this permit.
18. The activities authorized by this general permit shall not harm or present a threat of harm to the health, safety, or welfare of the people or environment of this Commonwealth. The Department may modify, suspend, revoke, and reissue the authorization granted in this general permit if it deems necessary to prevent harm or the threat of harm to the public health, and the environment or if they cannot be adequately regulated under the conditions of this general permit.
19. The permittee shall comply with the terms and conditions of this general permit and with the environmental protection acts to the same extent as if the activities were covered by an individual permit. The Department may require an individual permit be obtained if the permittee cannot comply with the conditions of this general permit or is conducting an activity that harms or presents a threat of harm to the health, safety, or welfare of the public or the environment of this Commonwealth.

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20. This permit does not authorize and shall not be construed as an approval to discharge any waste, wastewater, or runoff from the site of processing to the land or waters of the Commonwealth.
21. Best Management Practices shall be implemented to divert storm water run-on from the storage area. Storm water runoff shall be managed in accordance with The Clean Streams Law and regulations promulgated thereunder. Prior to beginning operations at the facility, the operator must obtain all necessary storm water management permits.
22. If waste oil or unused, contaminated oil is stored in a storage tank(s) for more than 14 days at the facility prior to being fully processed, the permittee shall maintain a bond in an amount and with sufficient guarantees acceptable to the Department as provided by 25 Pa. Code 287, Subchapter E (Bonding and Insurance Requirements). The bond shall continue in effect for the operational life of the facility, and for up to 10 years after final closure of the facility, unless released in whole or in part by the Department, in writing.
23. The permittee shall maintain in force and affect a general liability insurance policy in accordance with 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 287, Subchapter E (relating to bonding and insurance requirements) to provide continuous coverage during operation of the facility and until the Department issues a final closure certification.
24. Equipment used for the processing and storage of waste oil and unused, contaminated oils shall be maintained in good operating condition. Daily inspections of equipment during waste processing activities shall be conducted to ensure that equipment will operate properly and to examine for evidence of equipment failure.
25. Storage of waste oil and unused, contaminated oils by the permittee shall be in a manner that complies with the requirements set forth in 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 299 (relating to storage and transportation of residual waste).
26. The waste oil and unused, contaminated oil shall not be mixed with other types of solid wastes, including hazardous waste, municipal waste, special handling waste, or other residual waste, as the terms are defined in 25 Pa. Code § 287.1.
27. Analytical testing required by this general permit shall be performed by a laboratory accredited under the Pennsylvania Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Act, Act of 2002, 27 Pa. C.S.A. §§ 4101-4113.

D. Recordkeeping:

1. The permittee shall maintain records of all analytical evaluations conducted in accordance with this permit, and records shall be made available to the Department upon request. Required records shall be retained for a minimum of 5 years. Records of analytical evaluations must include, at a minimum, the following for each sample: the dates of sampling and testing, sampling procedures utilized, name of the individual who collected the sample, the volume

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or weight of the sample, each parameter tested, the analytical results, the name of the analytical laboratory used, and the analytical methodologies employed.

2. The permittee shall maintain records of all waste accepted by the facility, and records shall be made available to the Department upon request. Required records shall be retained for a minimum of 5 years. Records of each source of incoming waste must include, at a minimum, the following: the name, address, and phone number of each source of incoming waste and each customer; the date of receipt and processing; the quantity of waste oil and unused, contaminated oils received and processed at each location; the estimation of oil, water, and solids content, and flashpoint, PCB concentration and cleanliness determinations as required in Conditions C.2, C.3 and C.4 for each batch processed; the results of visual observations; and the name, address, and phone number of the destination of each outgoing shipment of waste.
3. The permittee shall maintain records of spills or releases that include, at a minimum, the following: the location, date, time, identification, and quantity of spilled or released material, and a description of how the material was cleaned up. The permittee shall also maintain records of all reports submitted to the Department or to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

E. Reporting Requirements:

1. A person that operates under the provisions of this permit shall immediately notify the Department (see attached list) via certified mail of any changes in: the company name, address, owners, operators, and/or responsible officials of the company, compliance status, and the status of any permit issued by the Department or federal government under the environmental protection acts.
2. Persons operating under the provision of this general permit shall submit to the appropriate Department Regional Office (see attached list), an annual report on the beneficial use activities conducted under this permit by March 1 for the preceding calendar year. This report shall include the information required by Conditions D.1., D.2., and D.3.
3. The permittee shall immediately notify the Department's Emergency Hotline by telephone at 800-541-2050 and the waste management program in the appropriate DEP regional office (see attached list) of any accidental spills or discharges of waste oil and unused, contaminated oils or any residue from processing, and shall take appropriate immediate action to protect the health and safety of the public and the environment. Spills of less than 5 gallons of waste oil and unused, contaminated oils need not be immediately reported but should be recorded as specified in Condition D.3. Spills containing any oil capable of reaching surface water must be immediately reported and should be recorded as specified in Condition D.3.

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F. Renewal:

A permittee that plans to continue the operations authorized under this general permit, after the expiration date indicated on the approval for coverage page, shall file a complete application for permit renewal at least 180 days before the expiration date of this general permit unless permission has been granted by the Department for submission at a later date. The renewal application and the renewal application fee in the amount identified in Section A (General Information) of the Form 20 may be submitted electronically through the Department's Public Upload with Electronic Payment website at:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/DataandTools/ElectronicSubmissions/Pages/default.aspx>

and include, at a minimum, the following:

1. General Information Form (Authorization Application for a Residual or Municipal Waste General Permit Application),
2. Form B (Professional Certification),
3. Form 20 (Application for a Municipal or Residual Waste General Permit),
4. Form 27R (Acceptance of General Permit Conditions), and
5. Updated bonding worksheets, if applicable.

If an alternative method of submittal of the renewal application and renewal application fee is necessary, the appropriate Department Regional Office should be contacted for further instructions.

In the event that a timely and complete application for renewal has been submitted and the Department is unable, through no fault of the permittee, to reissue the general permit or approval for coverage before its current coverage expiration date, the terms and conditions of the approved coverage will automatically continue and will remain fully effective and enforceable pending the issuance or denial of the renewal for permit coverage, provided the permittee is, and has been, operating in compliance with the terms and conditions of the general permit.

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Regional Offices
(and Counties Served)**

- I. Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia.

Southeast Regional Office
2 East Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401
Phone: (484) 250 - 5960

- II. Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming.

Northeast Regional Office
2 Public Square
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0790
Phone: (570) 826 – 2516

- III. Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, York.

Southcentral Regional Office
909 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17110-8200
Phone: (717) 705 – 4706

- IV. Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union.

Northcentral Regional Office
208 West 3rd Street - Suite 101
Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: (570) 327 – 3653

- V. Allegheny, Beaver, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland.

Southwest Regional Office
400 Waterfront Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745
Phone: (412) 442 – 4000

- VI. Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango, Warren.

Northwest Regional Office
230 Chestnut Street
Meadville, PA 16335-3481
Phone: 814-332-6848