

# COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT



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# COMPLIANCE

- Acquiescence to a wish, request, or demand. (Webster's II New Riverside University Dictionary)
- Voluntarily following the regulations. (My definition)



# ENFORCEMENT

- To compel observance of or obedience to. (Webster's II New Riverside University Dictionary)
- What happens if you don't comply with the regulations. (My definition)



# COMPLIANCE

- RCRA puts all responsibility for compliance on the generator. Ignorance of the regulations is not a legitimate defense.
- There are about 6,000 generators of hazardous waste in Kansas.
- KDHE and EPA conduct about 300 hazardous waste compliance inspections each year in Kansas (about 5 percent of generators).

# HOW ARE YOU CHOSEN?

- Candidate List



- Complaint



- Facility-Type Initiative



# INSPECTION PROCEDURES

- Entry – Ask for environmental contact (person listed on notification form).
- Present ID – State the purpose of the inspection.
- Outline the process – Preliminary discussion, walk-through inspection, records review, and exit briefing.
- Estimate the amount of time of inspection.



# PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

- Obtain basic information (name of facility, address, phone and fax numbers, number of employees, contact person, etc.).
- Are there any trade secrets or confidentiality issues?
- What kind of manufacturing? What is produced?

# PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

- What are the processes?
- What solid and hazardous wastes are generated?
- How much of each waste is generated per month?
- How is each waste disposed?
- Are there any safety issues before beginning facility tour?

# PHYSICAL INSPECTION (WALK-THROUGH)

- Will view entire facility (including perimeter).
- Focus on points of waste generation and storage.
- Bring your keys (we need to see every closet and attic).
- We will take photographs.
- We will make comments and suggestions and identify problem areas during the walk-through.

# RECORDS REVIEW

- Inspection Logs (3 years)
- Hazardous Waste Manifests (3 years)
- Land Disposal Restrictions (3 years)
- Waste Determination Documentation – analytical reports, MSDSs, etc.
- Special Waste Disposal Authorizations
- Training Records

# RECORDS REVIEW

## EPA Generators

- Additional documents for EPA generators
  - Annual/biennial Reports
  - Training Documentation
  - Job Titles
  - Job Descriptions
  - Contingency Plan



# **BREAK!!!**

- Most inspectors will take a break and either leave or ask for some time alone to organize their notes and thoughts before the exit briefing.

# EXIT BRIEFING

- Inspector may ask additional questions to clarify or confirm information.
- Inspector will explain your generator status.
- Inspector will explain all violations and comments/concerns identified during the inspection.
- Inspector will explain corrective actions that are needed.
- Inspector may cite a violation even though corrective actions were implemented during the inspection.

# EXIT BRIEFING

- Inspector will establish deadlines for compliance (correcting violations and addressing concerns).
- Inspector will leave a written Notice of Compliance/Non-compliance form or send a letter explaining each of the violations and comments.
- Inspector will answer all of your questions or will write them down to get you answers later.
- Inspector may leave a customer satisfaction survey for you to complete.

# INSPECTIONS - AUTHORITY

## K.A.R. 28-31-12

- To gain entry at any reasonable time of day
- To collect samples
- To analyze any sample collected to determine if waste is hazardous
- To stop and inspect any vehicle transporting hazardous waste
- To photograph any hazardous waste facility, structure, or equipment

# INSPECTIONS - AUTHORITY

## K.A.R. 28-31-12

- To inspect and copy records or other information
- To drill test wells or groundwater monitoring wells
- To direct the operator to make changes if unsafe conditions or procedures are noted during the inspection
- To be treated fairly and with respect

# INSPECTIONS - YOUR RIGHTS

- To have the inspector observe all reasonable security, safety, and sanitation measures
- To collect duplicate samples of any sample collected by the inspector
- To receive a written list of violations and comments noted during the inspection
- To designate information given to the inspector as a trade secret or confidential  
(Will have to be documented)
- To be treated fairly and with respect

# INSPECTIONS

- How to expedite an inspection:
  - Take your keys with you on the walk-through
  - Have someone pull necessary records while you and the inspector tour the facility
  - Be familiar with your waste streams and your facility, know who is familiar with each process in case the inspector has questions
  - If management need to be in the exit briefing, get an estimated time from the inspector so everyone is prepared.

# ENFORCEMENT

- Inspectors work with facilities to achieve compliance (correct violations).
- Enforcement reviews and recommendations are made in Topeka (central office).
- Enforcement is an administrative action.
- Enforcement may include penalties and/or corrective actions.

# ENFORCEMENT

- About 20 hazardous waste enforcement cases are initiated each year or about 6 percent of the inspections that are conducted.
- Penalties average between \$5,000 and \$50,000, but can be higher or lower.
- EPA can also take enforcement actions.
- EPA and county attorneys can also take criminal actions if warranted.

# COMPLIANCE RESOURCES

- KDHE wants to help all generators achieve compliance. Please call us with any questions. (We don't have caller ID)
- Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SEBAP) operated by the Pollution Prevention Institute (PPI) at KSU 1-800-578-8898 (Free anonymous assistance)