

Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Bureau of Waste Management Policy 2016-P2
Classification of Commercial Car Wash Mud Trap Waste

Purpose

This policy clarifies the Bureau of Waste Management's (BWM) position with regard to mud trap waste generated by commercial car wash facilities, including fleet car wash facilities. This policy does not apply to mud trap waste from industrial car wash facilities such as those at auto and other engine repair shops and service stations.

Background

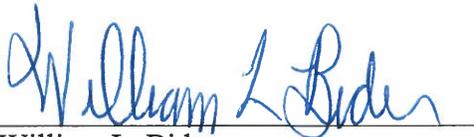
A typical commercial car wash facility has a mud trap at the point that wash down water drains into the sewer system. The purpose of a mud trap is to settle out mud, sand, and grit washed from cars so that it does not plug sewers. While petroleum-based products can also make their way into the traps, experience has shown that this waste is generally inert and has minimal potential for negative impacts on human health or the environment.

Action

Mud trap waste from commercial car wash facilities is considered by BWM to be a non-hazardous waste and analytical testing is not required. Disposal or reuse of this mud trap waste does not require any Bureau approvals, permits, or authorizations for disposal or reuse. However, this waste may still be subject to local government approval for disposal.

For guidance on the management of mud trap waste from industrial facilities, repair facilities, and truck wash facilities, refer to BWM Technical Guidance Document SW-1994-G3.

This policy will remain in effect until it is revoked or until it is rendered obsolete by future amendments to solid waste law or regulations.



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