

**CHAPTER 26G**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE**

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## SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**7:26G-1.1 Scope of rules**

(a) Unless otherwise provided by rule or statute, this chapter shall constitute the rules of the Department of Environmental Protection which govern the registration, operation, closure and post-closure maintenance of hazardous waste facilities in the State of New Jersey as may be approved by the Department; registration, operation, and maintenance of hazardous waste transporting operations and facilities in the State of New Jersey; and a fee schedule for services provided by the Department to hazardous waste facilities, generators and transporters.

(b) The definitions, exemptions, exclusions and discussions of solid and hazardous waste found in this chapter are for the purposes of classifying and regulating hazardous waste and do not provide any exemptions from the definition or regulation of solid waste found at N.J.A.C. 7:26.

(c) Hazardous waste facilities are exempt from district solid waste planning of N.J.A.C. 7:26-6, Solid Waste Planning Regulations; the Solid Waste Utility Control Act, N.J.S.A. 48:13A-1 et seq.; the Solid Waste Collection Regulatory Reform Act, N.J.S.A. 48:13A-7.1 et seq.; and those provisions of the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., which relate to district solid waste planning.

(d) In addition to the rules in this chapter, all hazardous waste facilities are required to obtain other necessary approvals.

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**7:26G-1.2 Construction and severability**

(a) These rules shall be liberally construed to permit the Department to discharge its statutory functions.

(b) If this chapter or any subchapter, section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sub-subparagraph or any portion thereof, or the application thereof to any person, is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, in any judicial proceeding, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to this chapter or any subchapter, section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sub-subparagraph or any portion or application thereof, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and it shall not affect or impair the remainder of this chapter.

**7:26G-1.3 Practice where rules do not govern**

The Department may rescind, amend or expand these rules from time to time, and such rules shall be filed with the Office of Administrative Law as provided by law. In any matter concerning hazardous waste management that arises not governed by these rules, the Department shall exercise its discretion within the authority of N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., 58:10-23.11, 58:10A-1 et seq., 47:1A-2, 13:1D-9 and 18 and all other legislatively conferred powers.

**7:26G-1.4 Incorporation by reference of the Code of Federal Regulations**

(a) Unless specifically excluded by these rules, when a provision of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) is incorporated by reference, all notes, comments, appendices, diagrams, tables, forms, figures, and publications are also incorporated by reference.

(b) Prospective incorporation by reference means the ongoing process, beginning May 6, 2002, whereby all provisions of regulations incorporated into this Chapter from the Federal regulations at 40 C.F.R. Subparts 124, 260-266, 268, and 270 are continually automatically updated in order to maintain consistency with the most current Federal rules. Thus, any supplements, amendments, and any other changes including, without limitation, repeals or stays that affect the

meaning or operational status of a Federal rule, brought about by either judicial or administrative action and adopted or otherwise noticed by USEPA in the Federal Register, shall be paralleled by a similar change to the New Jersey rule so that the New Jersey rule will have the same meaning and status as its Federal counterpart. Similarly, to maintain consistency, all new Federal regulations are also adopted into this Chapter by this automatic process.