

Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest

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Purpose

This document provides information on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest. EPA requires hazardous waste generators and transporters to use the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest for all hazardous waste shipments, including waste toluene diisocyanate (TDI), which is a listed hazardous waste (U223).

Guidance

The Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest form is required by both the EPA and the US Department of Transportation (DOT) to track shipments of hazardous wastes from the waste generator to the disposal facility. The waste manifest is prepared by all waste generators who transport, or offer for transport, hazardous waste for off-site treatment, recycling, storage, or disposal.

The current waste manifest is a paper document containing multiple copies of a single form. When completed, the waste manifest contains information on:

- type and quantity of the waste being transported,
- instructions for handling the waste, and
- signature lines for all parties involved in the disposal process.

Each party that handles the waste signs the manifest and retains a copy for themselves to document accountability in the transportation and disposal processes. Once the waste reaches its destination, the receiving facility returns a signed copy of the manifest to the generator, confirming that the waste has been received by the designated facility.

Please see link below to the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest form:
<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/hazard/transportation/manifest/>

The US EPA will not distribute the forms, but will oversee the printing requirements and maintain a list of registered printers. Waste handlers (generators, or treatment, storage or disposal facilities) may obtain copies from any source that has been approved by the EPA Manifest Registry to print and distribute the form. Please see the attached link: <http://www.epa.gov/wastes/hazard/transportation/manifest/registry/index.htm>

Please note that some States require copies to be submitted to the State, and/or have State-specific waste codes in addition to the federal hazardous waste codes required to be entered on the new manifest. State requirements can be found at the following link: <http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/transportation/states.htm>

Additional information regarding the use of the EPA Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/transportation/manifest/index.htm>

On October 5, 2012, President Obama signed the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Act (S.710), which amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act and will require the EPA to establish a electronic manifest system within the next three years.

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