

ADDENDUM

Department of Environmental Quality
Waste Operations
Policy for the Handling of
Investigation Derived Waste (IDW)

This Addendum is being provided to clarify the distinction between the disposal requirements for Investigation Derived Waste (IDW) that is generated from an undefined area, and the requirements for soil and sediment IDW when soil and sediment is generated from an area of known contamination subject to further response measures with oversight from DEQ and/or EPA.

"DEQ Policy for the Handling of Investigation Derived Waste" dated July 5, 1995, specifies that IDW contaminated above background levels is considered a solid waste and must be managed in accordance with the Virginia Solid Waste Management Regulations. If the IDW contains a listed hazardous waste or exhibits the characteristic of a hazardous waste, it must be managed as a hazardous waste in accordance with the Virginia Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. Under this policy, returning the IDW to the location from which it is generated is prohibited.

However, this policy was not intended to address the requirements associated with soil and sediment IDW generated from an area of known contamination when this area is subject to future response activities with oversight from the DEQ or EPA. In such a case, the management and disposal of the IDW should be in accordance with pertinent EPA guidance governing the applicability of RCRA land disposal restrictions. ("Management of IDW During SI's", EPA/540/G-91/009).

Under the EPA guidance, replacement of soil and sediment IDW into the area of contamination from which it is generated is permissible provided that the waste is not treated prior to placement. Therefore, the above-referenced DEQ IDW policy now recognizes that if soil and sediment IDW is generated from an area of known contamination, and this area is subject to further response measures with oversight from DEQ and/or EPA, the IDW may be placed back into the area from which it is taken provided there is no treatment of this waste prior to placement.

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