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Satellite Waste Management Presented by:





Introduction

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Objectives

- > "Define" what a satellite area is
- > Identify rules for managing satellite waste
- > Understand definitions versus interpretations
- Identify the HWGIR that must/may be adopted



In the Beginning......

- > Satellite rules didn't exist
 - Only 90-day and CESQG rules
 - EPA presumed waste was stored in "one or two discrete locations"



In the Beginning......

The regulated community pointed out that there may be dozens of places where hazardous wastes are initially generated and collected during daily operations



In the Beginning......

Original regulations made no distinction between initial point of generation ("satellite") and the central storage area where wastes are consolidated for on-site management or transportation off site





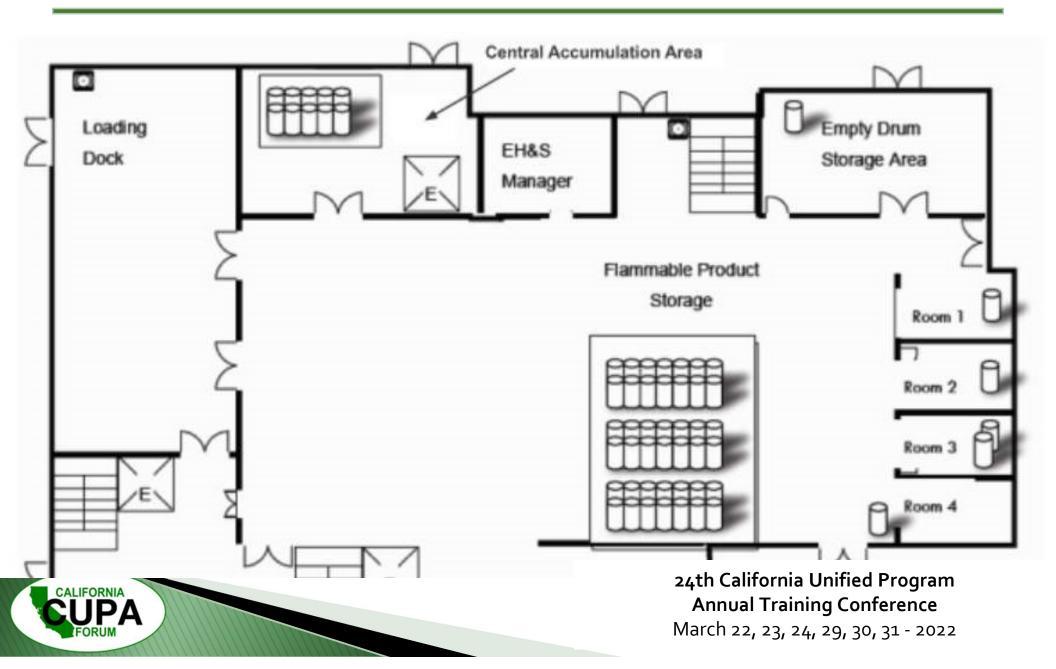
The Satellite Area

> "Those places where wastes are generated in the industrial process or the laboratory and where those wastes must initially accumulate prior to removal to a central area."

No limit on the number of satellite areas on site

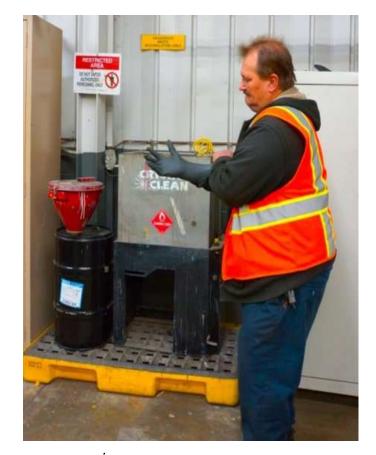


Satellite vs. Central Accumulation



The Satellite Area

- > At or near any point of generation
- > Where waste initially accumulates
- Under control of operator





"At or Near," "Where Waste Initially Accumulates"

- Not defined
- > So how near is "near"?



Moving Satellite Waste

- Satellite waste may not be moved to another satellite area
 - No longer at or near point of generation or initial accumulation
 - Consolidation is permissible within a satellite area



Under the Control of the Operator



- "EPA has not defined this term in the regulations, has not discussed it in preamble and discussed it only minimally in guidance letters."
- > "The Agency deliberately did not propose any regulatory text to define the term 'under the control of the operator."



Intention of the Rule

"The goal is that this temporary accumulation is performed responsibly and safely, with adequate oversight and control."



Under the Control of the Operator



- Controlled access to an area, building, room, or cabinet
 - Access via key, lock box, access card



Pop Quiz

- Does waste in the satellite area count towards generator status?
 - Yes
 - No



Satellite Accumulation



- Quantity limits
 - 55 gallons non-acute
 - 1 quart acute/extreme
 - 1 kilogram
- No limit on amount or type of containers





Why 55 Gallons?

- > Does not pose a significant threat
- > Easy to control and clean up
- Widespread use of55-gallon containers

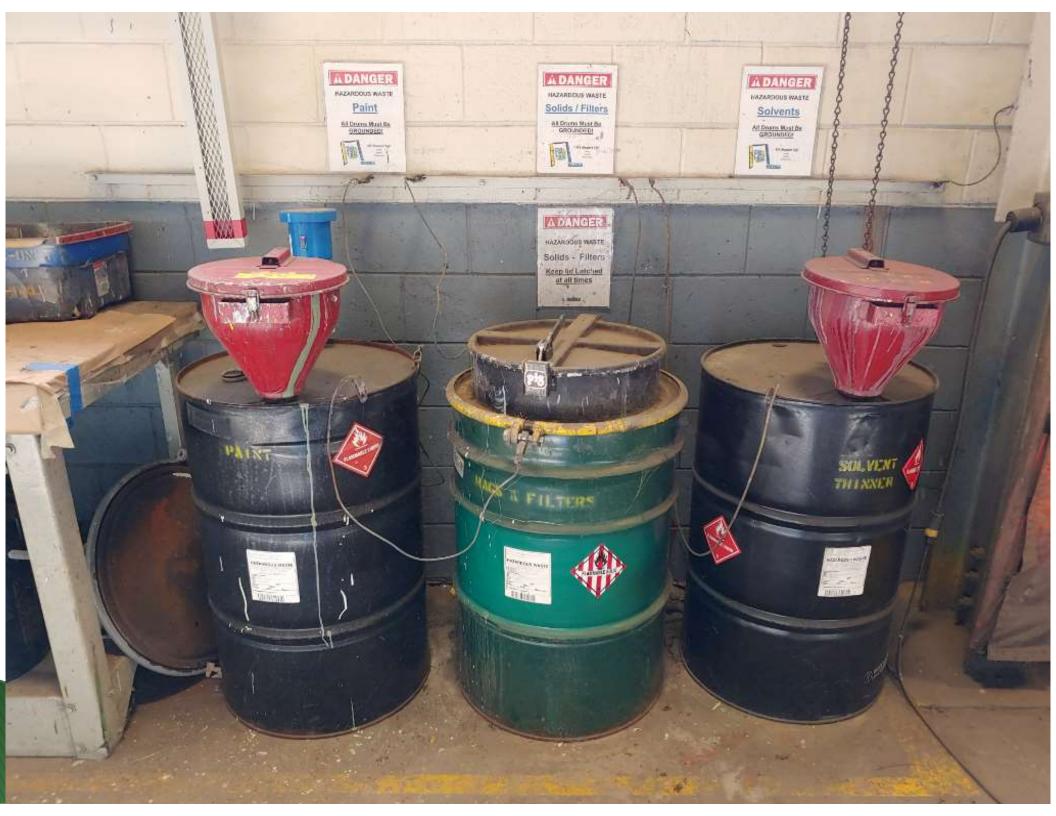




Pop Quiz

- > What does the 55-gallon limit apply to?
 - Process or group of processes
 - Waste stream
 - Room/area
 - Site





The 55-Gallon (or 1 qt/kg) Limit

- > A process or group of processes, unless.....
 - Incompatible
 - Impractical (e.g., prevents recycling or requires unreasonable procedures)
 - Unsafe (from an environmental or worker/public health standpoint)
- Subject to review and approval



The Three "C's" for Satellite Containers

- > Containers must be
 - Condition
 - Compatible
 - Closed





Condition

- If a container is not in good condition
 - Transfer to good container
 - Manage under more stringent rules (e.g., 90day rules)







Compatible

Container made of, or lined with, materials that will not react with, and are otherwise compatible with, the hazardous waste



Compatible



- > New Federal additions
 - Do not place in same container
 - Do not place in unwashed container
 - Separate or protect by any "practical means"





Closed

- Closed except when necessary
 - Add
 - Remove

"Tip test?"





Closed



- Closed except when necessary
 - Consolidate
 - Vent
 - Proper operation of equipment or
 - 2. Prevent dangerous situations



Satellite Markings

- "Hazardous Waste"
- > Accumulation start date
- Composition and physical state
- > Indication of the hazards
- Generator's name and address





Markings

> "Clearly marked and visible for inspection"

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Reaching Quantity Limits

Upon reaching quantity limits

- Mark the date
- Second date





What Does That Mean?

- Date indicates
 - Beginning of the 90/180 days
 - Three days to comply with
 - 90-day (LQG) rules
 - 18o-day (SQG) rules
 - Ship off site



Pop Quiz

- > What does three days actually mean?
 - Working days
 - Calendar days
 - Business days
 - Only days I show up to work?



Three Days - Federal



- 3 days Not 72 hours
- "Consecutive calendar days"



Three Days - California

• "Periods of time are calculated by excluding the first day and including the last. Except, if the last day is a Saturday, Sunday or other holiday specified in Government Code section 6700 it is also excluded."



Federal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	reach 55 gallons	16	17
18	Presidents day	20	21	gallo	23	24
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Federal

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
11	12	13	14	reach 55	16	17			
18	president day	Move it!	21	gallo	23	24			
25	26	27	28						
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Accumulation Time Limits

Generators may not hold waste on site for more than 1 year, or 90/180 days, whichever occurs first



Satellite start date



Reach 55-gallon date



Ship off site date





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Ship off site date



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Training?

"EPA believes, however, that since only one waste will normally be accumulated at each satellite area, and since only limited quantities are allowed to accumulate..... training plans are not necessary."



Training?

- Business plan training
 - Emergency response and safety
 - All new employees
 - Annual training



Inspections?

- Not required
- EPA believed "under the control of an operator" and the container rules would, in essence, be equivalent



Secondary Containment?

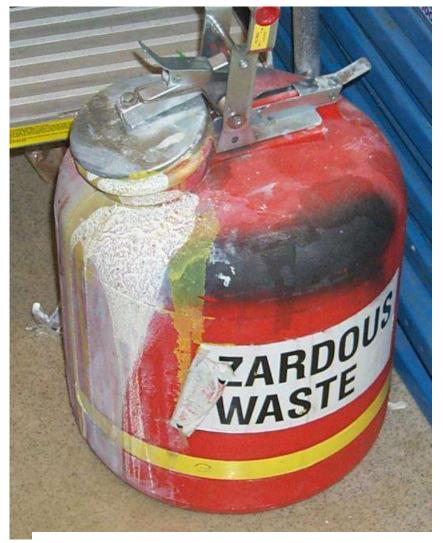
- Not required
- > Reasons you may voluntarily have it
 - CWA
 - SPCC
 - Good management practice



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Emergency Preparedness and Prevention



- > Historically, satellite areas excluded
- > HWGIR added requirements for emergency preparedness, prevention and procedures
- "Anywhere hazardous waste is either generated or accumulated"



Emergency Preparedness and Prevention



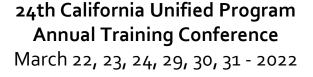
- Satellite areas are now subject to
 - Required equipment
 - Testing and maintenance of equipment
 - Access to communications
 - Required aisle space
 - Arrangements with authorities
 - Emergency procedures



HWGIR Changes to Satellite

- Special requirements for incompatibles
 - 2. Flexibility for "closed"
- "Consecutive calendar days"
 - 4. Added kilogram for acute
 - Clarified what happens upon reaching 55 gallons
 - 6. Changed marking requirements





HWGIR Changes to Satellite

- Added preparedness and prevention requirements
- Added "immediately" regarding moving container if it is leaking or damaged
 - Cleaned up regulatory language (e.g. generators may use satellite, what regulations do not apply)

* = More Stringent



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