

Hazardous Waste Legislation

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change has responsibility for regulating the generation, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste. The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act establishes a framework to manage dangerous goods and hazardous waste through a set of comprehensive regulations.

The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act

The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act (the Act) sets out requirements for the handling and transportation of dangerous goods and hazardous waste. The Act enables the provincial government to establish standards pertaining to the generation, storage, transportation and disposal of hazardous waste.

The following Regulations under the Act set out specific requirements pertaining to hazardous waste:

Hazardous Waste Regulation, M.R. 195/2015

M.R. 195/2015 establishes basic hazardous waste management standards for generators, carriers and receivers. The regulation:

- sets out the criteria for determining whether a product, substance or organism is a hazardous waste;
- addresses storage requirements for hazardous wastes;
- requires that generators of hazardous waste must be registered and companies transporting hazardous waste must be licensed;
- sets out the procedures to be used for completing and distributing the movement document. The movement document is a hazardous waste shipping document that is used to track shipments of hazardous waste from the generator to the final disposal site.
- M.R. 195/2015 also sets out procedures for the use of a multiple pickup record, which may be used within Manitoba for waste pickups by one carrier from several consignors. This multiple pickup record allows for the completion of only one movement document for the shipment;
- sets exemption requirements, and imposes conditions on specific hazardous waste disposal facility licence exempted facilities; and
- specifies the requirement for an annual report from hazardous waste disposal facilities.

Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Regulation, M.R. 55/2003

M.R. 55/2003 adopts the federal Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations (TDG Regulations) for use within Manitoba's jurisdiction. In conjunction with M.R. 195/2015, criteria and lists in the TDG Regulations are used to classify hazardous waste.

PCB Storage Site Regulation, M.R. 474/88

M.R. 474/88 sets out standards for the design and operation of storage sites for waste polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The regulation specifies requirements in relation to record keeping at the site and the reporting of such information to Manitoba Environment and Climate Change. In addition, the regulation stipulates that a written authorization from Manitoba Environment and Climate Change is required prior to the disposal of PCB waste.