

Compliance Advisory

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION #2023-02 Issued: 1/13/2023

RESUMING ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL HAZARDOUS WASTE TRANSPORTER FEE

WHO IS AFFECTED BY THIS ADVISORY?

Companies transporting hazardous waste to New Jersey, out of New Jersey, or within New Jersey, number approximately 150 based on current information. The customers of hazardous waste transporters may also be affected since disposal costs are affected by the fee charged to hazardous waste transporters.

WHY IS DEP ISSUING THIS UPDATE?

In February 2023, the Department will issue the annual fee for waste transported during 2021. In preparation for issuing such fees we are providing the hazardous waste transporters the opportunity to review the accuracy of the manifest data that will be used to calculate such fees.

Historically, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") assessed hazardous waste transporters an annual fee to cover the cost for registration and oversight inspections. As of June 30, 2018, the NJDEP stopped receiving copies of hazardous waste manifests and transitioned to manifest records maintained by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") in the RCRAInfo database system for tracking hazardous waste shipments. During the transition to the new system the NJDEP was not able to reliably determine volumes of hazardous waste shipments, therefore NJDEP did not assess fees for hazardous waste transported between 2018 and 2020. NJDEP will not retroactively charge fees for those years (2018-2020) but will begin assessing an annual hazardous waste transporter fee for calendar year 2021, and each year thereafter.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Hazardous waste transporters who operated in New Jersey during 2021 should review their records and compare them to the information on the USEPA report available <u>here</u> and verify the quantity of waste listed is correct in the report as this amount will be used to calculate the annual fee. Any discrepancies must be reported by <u>February 3, 2023</u>, via email to <u>Michael.gage@dep.nj.gov</u>.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

Please call us at 609-292-7081 (press 2 for manifests), or send your questions to the address below:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Hazardous Waste Compliance and Enforcement Mail Code 09-03 P.O. Box 420 Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

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WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The NJDEP hazardous waste fee web site can be accessed <u>here</u>. Hazardous waste transporters can find more information about quantities transported and subject to billing (see Frequently Asked Questions, #3).

Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of department requirements. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance, please contact the phone number listed above.