

BPA Policy 710-3

Hazardous Waste Management and Hazardous Materials Coordination Program

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1. Purpose & Background

To establish policies and responsibilities for determining and fulfilling BPA's environmental protection obligations for hazardous waste and materials, implemented as the BPA Hazardous Waste Management and Hazardous Materials Coordination Program (HWM/HMC). Combined with relevant laws and regulations, this issuance governs BPA's policy, and provides management delegations in administering BPA's hazardous waste and materials program.

2. Policy Owner

The Vice President for Environment, Fish and Wildlife has overall responsibility for evaluating and revising this policy, and for overseeing deployment of Hazardous Waste Management and Materials programs.

3. Applicability

BPA employees procuring, generating, using, storing, handling, transporting, recovering, treating, or disposing of hazardous materials and waste.

4. Terms & Definitions

- A. Hazardous Waste: Any waste generated by BPA that is hazardous by definition under Federal or State laws and regulations.
- B. Hazardous Material: Any material that when spilled or discarded becomes a hazardous waste.

5. Policy

- A. Avoid or minimize the use of hazardous materials to those necessary to accomplish the intended task satisfactorily, and thereby minimize the risk of adverse health, safety, and environmental consequences. This includes limiting the use of hazardous materials where effective alternatives are available that are less hazardous or toxic.
- B. Implement safe and environmentally acceptable methods for the use, storage, transportation, recycling, handling, and disposal of hazardous materials and waste.
- C. Implement measures to safeguard and protect employees, the public, and the environment from hazardous materials and waste used or created in BPA operations and activities.
- D. Employees responsible for the selection, procurement, use, handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials and waste are properly trained and equipped to safely discharge their responsibilities.

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6. Policy Exceptions

None.

7. Responsibilities

- A. Groups procuring, generating, using, storing, handling, transporting, recovering, treating, or disposing of hazardous materials and waste:
 - 1. Comply with applicable laws, regulations, and BPA policy.
 - 2. Assure that established procedures for handling hazardous waste and material are implemented within their respective organizations.
- B. Pollution Prevention and Abatement:
 - 1. Provides guidance for the proper handling of hazardous waste generated by maintenance and construction activities.
 - 2. Collects required data for applicable annual hazardous waste reports and coordinates other pollution control and abatement reporting requirements.
 - 3. Provides guidance on the regulatory requirements for the design of hazardous waste storage facilities.
 - 4. Coordinates with appropriate BPA organizations to determine acceptable environmental and regulatory methods of hazardous waste disposal.
 - 5. Coordinates with appropriate BPA organizations to identify BPA waste streams through lab analysis or other means and provides information for the proper handling of hazardous waste generated at BPA facilities.
- C. General Counsel: Provides legal advice on laws and regulations that apply to the management of hazardous materials and waste.

8. Standards & Procedures

BPA establishes and implements procedures to ensure proper management throughout the life cycle of hazardous materials and waste used in and generated by its activities and operations. These procedures include the necessary measures to assure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

9. Performance & Monitoring

The Pollution Prevention and Abatement group collects data on hazardous waste and materials handling at BPA to fulfill state and federal hazardous waste reporting requirements.

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10. Authorities & References

- A. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901-6992k (amending Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 89-272, 79 Stat. 992).
- B. Hazardous Waste Regulations, 40 CFR Part 260-282.

11. Review

This policy is scheduled for review in 2029.

12. Revision History

Version Number	Issue Date	Brief Description of Change or Review
2	June 25, 2014	Migration of content to new policy format.
3	February 07, 2024	Sunset review. No policy content changed.

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