

COMPLIANCE FOR LARGE QUANTITY GENERATORS OF HAZARDOUS WASTES

Two of the top violations reported by Illinois EPA and U.S. EPA compliance inspectors:

- the lack of specific annual **RCRA hazardous waste training**
- missing or out-of-date **hazardous waste contingency plans**

Recent federal fines levied against Chicago area companies for RCRA violations have exceeded \$100,000. The fines are ultimately set to far exceed the initial cost of compliance.

To be in compliance, large quantity generators of hazardous waste must follow many requirements; including:

- Perform annual **hazardous waste management training** for employees that handle the wastes or sign the manifests.
- Have a **hazardous waste contingency plan** and employee job descriptions for their waste management duties.
- Submit copies of the contingency plan to the agencies that would be asked to respond in case of emergency, including police, fire and hazmat responders.
- Keep **meticulous records** including annual employee training records, as well as documentation that the contingency plan was sent to the responding agencies.
- Properly **label and date** the hazardous waste containers.

Admiral Environmental has extensive experience assisting companies to comply with these requirements. We are able to prepare the Contingency Plan and conduct the required training that is specific to your facility.

Please give us a call.

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PS: If you are not sure if you will be a Large Quantity Generator for 2013, we can review your recent hazardous waste manifests to determine your status. Just give me a call to arrange a review.