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SUBJECT: *PCB STORAGE FOR DISPOSAL AND RCRA* <<u>90-DAY ACCUMULATION AREAS</u>

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TWO MINUTE TRAINING

- **SUBJECT:** PCB Storage for Disposal and RCRA <90-Day Accumulation Areas
 - Q: A customer has PCB waste proposed for storage in a RCRA hazardous waste ≤90-day accumulation area. The customer is aware that PCB waste can be stored in certain RCRA facilities in compliance with TSCA PCB storage for disposal requirements but is not sure about ≤90-day accumulation areas. Under what conditions can the customer store PCB waste in a RCRA hazardous waste ≤90-day accumulation area in compliance with PCB storage for disposal requirements?
 - A: Per 40 CFR 761.65(b)(1) PCB wastes can be stored for disposal in facilities basically with adequate roof, walls and floors; no drains or openings; well-constructed floors and curbing; and not located below the 100-year flood water elevation. Under (b)(1) these facilities have no RCRA specified requirements.

Then per 40 CFR 761.65(b)(2), PCB wastes can also be stored for disposal in RCRA facilities if the facilities are permitted by EPA or the State; or qualify for interim status standards and meet permitted secondary containment; and any PCB spills are cleaned up per the PCB spill cleanup policy at 40 CFR 761, Subpart G. PCB wastes stored in these types of RCRA facilities do not have to meet the design criteria of paragraph (b)(1), i.e., roof, walls and floors, etc., but of course the facilities have to be in compliance with their RCRA permits or interim status standards.

As further clarification the January 2009 TSCA EPA Question and Answer Manual stated:

Q: Under §761.65(b), PCBs may be stored for disposal in areas meeting the requirements of RCRA §§3004, 3005, or 3006. May I store PCBs in accordance with the requirements for 90-day accumulation under RCRA (40 CFR 262.34)?

A: No. The allowance to store in a RCRA permitted facility does not include the 90-day generator storage provision or storage in satellite accumulation areas.

This means that in order for the customer to store PCBs in a RCRA \leq 90-day accumulation area, the area would have to meet the design criteria of paragraph (b)(1), i.e., roof, walls, floor, etc. Since the \leq 90-day accumulation area is excepted from having a RCRA permit or meeting interim status standards, paragraph 761.65(b)(2) cannot apply and the customer cannot store his PCB wastes based on the accumulation area's RCRA \leq 90-day status. Only if the \leq 90-day accumulation area had a roof, walls, floors, etc., could PCB waste be stored for disposal in compliance with 40 CFR 761.

SUMMARY:

- PCB wastes can be stored for disposal in a facility with a roof, walls, floor, etc.
- PCB wastes can also be stored for disposal in a permitted or interim status RCRA facility.
- A \leq 90-day accumulation area can store PCB wastes only if the area has a roof, walls, floor, etc.

40 CFR 761.65(b) is attached to the e-mail. If you have any questions, contact me at "Paul_W_Martin@rl.gov" or at (509) 376-6620.

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SUBJECT: PCB Storage for Disposal and RCRA <<u>90</u>-Day Accumulation Areas

40 CFR §761.65 Storage for disposal

(b) Except as provided in paragraphs (b)(2), (c)(1), (c)(7), (c)(9), and (c)(10) of this section, after July 1, 1978, owners or operators of any facilities used for the storage of PCBs and PCB Items designated for disposal shall comply with the following storage unit requirements:

(1) The facilities shall meet the following criteria:

(i) Adequate roof and walls to prevent rain water from reaching the stored PCBs and PCB Items;

(ii) An adequate floor that has continuous curbing with a minimum 6 inch high curb. The floor and curbing must provide a containment volume equal to at least two times the internal volume of the largest PCB Article or PCB Container or 25 percent of the total internal volume of all PCB Articles or PCB Containers stored there, whichever is greater. PCB/radioactive wastes are not required to be stored in an area with a minimum 6 inch high curbing. However, the floor and curbing must still provide a containment volume equal to at least two times the internal volume of the largest PCB Container or 25 percent of the largest PCB Container or 25 percent of the total internal volume of all PCB Containers stored to at least two times the internal volume of the largest PCB Container or 25 percent of the total internal volume of all PCB Containers stored there, whichever is greater.

(iii) No drain valves, floor drains, expansion joints, sewer lines, or other openings that would permit liquids to flow from the curbed area;

(iv) Floors and curbing constructed of Portland cement, concrete, or a continuous, smooth, non-porous surface as defined at § 761.3, which prevents or minimizes penetration of PCBs.

(v) Not located at a site that is below the 100-year flood water elevation.

(2) No person may store PCBs and PCB Items designated for disposal in a storage unit other than one approved pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section or meeting the design requirements of paragraph (b) of this section, <u>unless the unit meets one of the following conditions</u>:

(i) Is permitted by EPA under section **3004 of RCRA** to manage hazardous waste in containers, and spills of PCBs are cleaned up in accordance with subpart G of this part.

(ii) Qualifies for interim status under section **3005 of RCRA** to manage hazardous waste in containers, meets the requirements for containment at § 264.175 of this chapter, and spills of PCBs are cleaned up in accordance with subpart G of this part.

(iii) Is permitted by a State authorized under section **3006 of RCRA** to manage hazardous waste in containers, and spills of PCBs are cleaned up in accordance with subpart G of this part.

(iv) Is approved or otherwise regulated pursuant to a State PCB waste management program no less stringent in protection of health or the environment than the applicable TSCA requirements found in this part.

(v) Is subject to a TSCA Coordinated Approval, which includes provisions for storage of PCBs, issued pursuant to § 761.77.

(vi) Has a TSCA PCB waste management approval, which includes provisions for storage, issued pursuant to § 761.61(c) or § 761.62(c).

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