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## TWO MINUTE TRAINING

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**SUBJECT:** LISTED WASTE CODES AND PRE-RCRA WASTES

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## TWO MINUTE TRAINING

## **SUBJECT:** Listed Waste Codes and Pre-RCRA Wastes

- Q: A customer discovers contaminated concrete buried on the facility's property. The contaminated concrete is placed into a roll-off for disposal off-site. An investigation reveals that the contamination on the concrete is the result of a product toluene spill that occurred in the 1960's well before the effective date of RCRA, November 19, 1980. The waste would technically meet the definition of a U220 listed hazardous waste, however, the customer is not sure if the listings apply to wastes disposed of before the RCRA effective date. Now that the customer wants to remove the concrete for off-site disposal, is the contaminated concrete regulated as a U220 listed hazardous waste or is the concrete regulated as a hazardous waste only if it exhibits a characteristic?
- **A:** Per the August 18, 1992, Federal Register on page 37298, EPA stated:

"Since inception of the RCRA program, hazardous waste listings [F, K, U and P] apply to the material being disposed, not when it is disposed of. A listed waste disposed of in 1970 is still that same listed waste. This does not mean that such wastes must be exhumed for proper treatment; they are subject to Subtitle C controls only when they are actively managed. EPA has interpreted 'active management' as physically disturbing accumulated wastes within a management unit..."

"Hazardous waste listings thus apply retroactively to wastes disposed in units that ceased operation prior to the effective date of the listings."

Since the U-listed waste was disposed of in a unit (buried) prior to the effective date of RCRA the contaminated concrete is subject to RCRA at the time it is actively managed, i.e., physically disturbed via cleanup on or after November 19, 1980. Therefore, once the customer begins removal of the buried concrete, active management of the waste has occurred and any currently effective hazardous waste listings apply.

## **SUMMARY:**

- Hazardous waste listings apply to the material being disposed, not to the time of disposal.
- A listed waste disposed of prior to RCRA is still that same listed waste.
- Hazardous waste listings apply retroactively to wastes disposed prior to November 19, 1980 only if the waste is actively managed on or after November 19, 1980.

Nothing is attached to the e-mail. If you have any questions, please contact me at <a href="mailto:Paul\_W\_Martin@rl.gov">Paul\_W\_Martin@rl.gov</a> or at (509) 376-6620.

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