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- Last week's Two Minute Training (2MT) referenced the "in lieu of" principle which apparently **Q**: determines when the land disposal restrictions (LDR) treatment standards for listed hazardous waste codes will take precedence over certain characteristic waste codes. Please elaborate.
- **A:** 40 CFR 268.9 basically states that if a waste is both listed (F, K, U, or P) and characteristic (D001 through D043), the waste must be treated to meet the land disposal restriction (LDR) treatment standard for each waste code. The exception is when the treatment standards for the listed waste code specifically address the treatment standard for the constituent that causes the waste to exhibit the characteristic. Then, the treatment standard for the listed waste code will override, i.e., operate in lieu of, the treatment standard for the characteristic waste code.

As an example, a customer generates a wastewater treatment sludge from chrome electroplating. The applicable listed hazardous waste code is F006. Due to the presence of chrome, the waste also exhibits the characteristic for chromium, D007. Per 40 CFR 268.40, the F006 waste code has LDR treatment standards for cadmium, chromium, lead, nickel, silver, and cyanides. The D007 waste code has LDR treatment standards for chromium. Since the D007 chromium constituent is specifically addressed in the F006 LDR treatment standards, there is no need to include the D007 characteristic waste code. On the other hand, if the F006 sludge exhibited the characteristic of mercury, the D009 waste code would apply since F006 does not include a specific LDR treatment standard to address the mercury.

Also note that if this F006 listed hazardous waste exhibited the characteristics of ignitability (D001), corrosivity (D002) or reactivity (D003), any of those codes could continue to apply since these "ICR" waste codes generally have no specific constituent treatment standards. The only exception is for D003 and the "Reactive Cyanides Subcategory" which includes a specific constituent treatment standard for cyanide (590 mg/kg for total cyanides and 30 mg/kg for amenable cyanides). Since F006 also includes the same LDR treatment standards for cyanides, the F006 would override the D003 waste codes - in this specific case. All other D003 subcategories with LDR treatment standards of "DEACT" or "DEACT and meet 268.48 standards" are not addressed by the F006 treatment standards and so in these cases, the D003 waste code would also apply.

SUMMARY:

- The "in lieu of" principle means that in certain cases, the listed waste code treatment standard will override a characteristic waste code treatment standard.
- 2 This principle only applies if the treatment standards are specifically addressed in both the listed and characteristic waste codes
- F006 and D007 both have treatment standards for "chromium" so the F006 waste code overrides the D007 waste code.

Excerpts from 40 CFR 268.9 are 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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40 CFR §268.9 Special rules regarding wastes that exhibit a characteristic

(a) The initial generator of a solid waste must determine each EPA Hazardous Waste Number (waste code) applicable to the waste in order to determine the applicable treatment standards under subpart D of this part. This determination may be made concurrently with the hazardous waste determination required in §262.11 of this chapter. For purposes of part 268, the waste will carry the waste code for any applicable listed waste (40 CFR part 261, subpart D). In addition, where the waste exhibits a characteristic, the waste will carry one or more of the characteristic waste codes (40 CFR part 261, subpart C), except when the treatment standard for the listed waste operates in lieu of the treatment standard for the characteristic waste, as specified in paragraph (b) of this section. If the generator determines that their waste displays a hazardous characteristic (and is not D001 nonwastewaters treated by CMBST, RORGS, OR POLYM of §268.42, Table 1), the generator must determine the underlying hazardous constituents (as defined at §268.2(i)) in the characteristic waste.

(b) Where a prohibited waste is both listed under 40 CFR part 261, subpart D and exhibits a characteristic under 40 CFR part 261, subpart C, the treatment standard for the waste code listed in 40 CFR part 261, subpart D will operate in lieu of the standard for the waste code under 40 CFR part 261, subpart C, provided that the treatment standard for the listed waste includes a treatment standard for the constituent that causes the waste to exhibit the characteristic. Otherwise, the waste must meet the treatment standards for all applicable listed and characteristic waste codes.

(c) In addition to any applicable standards determined from the initial point of generation, no prohibited waste which exhibits a characteristic under 40 CFR part 261, subpart C may be land disposed unless the waste complies with the treatment standards under subpart D of this part.

(d) Wastes that exhibit a characteristic are also subject to §268.7 requirements, except that once the waste is no longer hazardous, a one-time notification and certification must be placed in the generator's or treater's on-site files. The notification and certification must be updated if the process or operation generating the waste changes and/or if the subtitle D facility receiving the waste changes.

(1) The notification must include the following information:

(ii) [Reserved]

(i) Name and address of the RCRA Subtitle D facility receiving the waste shipment; and

(ii) A description of the waste as initially generated, including the applicable EPA hazardous waste code(s), treatability group(s), and underlying hazardous constituents (as defined in §268.2(i)), unless the waste will be treated and monitored for all underlying hazardous constituents. If all underlying hazardous constituents will be treated and monitored, there is no requirement to list any of the underlying hazardous constituents on the notice.

(2) The certification must be signed by an authorized representative and must state the language found in §268.7(b)(4).

(i) If treatment removes the characteristic but does not meet standards applicable to underlying hazardous constituents, then the certification found in 268.7(b)(4)(iv) applies.

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40 CFR 200.40 Treatment Standards for Hazardous Waste	40 CFR 268.40	Treatment	Standards	for	Hazardous	Wastes
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	Words description on d	Regulated Hazardous Constituent Wastewaters		Nonwastewaters	
Waste code	waste description and treatment/Regulatory subcategory ¹	Common name	Concentration ³ in mg/L; or Technology Code ⁴	Concentration ⁵ in mg/kg unless noted as "mg/L TCLP"; or Technology Code ⁴	
D003 ⁹	Reactive Sulfides Subcategory based on 261.23(a)(5).	NA	DEACT	DEACT	
	Explosives Subcategory based on 261.23(a)(6),(7), and (8).	NA	DEACT and meet §268.48 standards ⁸	DEACT and meet §268.48 standards ⁸	
	Unexploded ordnance and other explosive devices which have been the subject of an emergency response.	NA	DEACT	DEACT	
	Other Reactives Subcategory based on 261.23(a)(1).	NA	DEACT and meet §268.48standards ⁸	DEACT and meet §268.48 standards ⁸	
	Water Reactive Subcategory based on 261.23(a)(2), (3), and (4). (Note: This subcategory consists of nonwastewaters only).	NA	NA	DEACT and meet §268.48 standards ⁸	
	Reactive Cyanides Subcategory based on 261.23(a)(5).	Cyanides (Total) ⁷	Reserved	590	
		Cyanides (Amenable) ⁷	0.86	30	
F006	Wastewater treatment sludges from electroplating operations except from the following processes: (1) Sulfuric acid anodizing of aluminum; (2) tin plating on carbon steel; (3) zinc plating (segregated basis) on carbon steel; (4) aluminum or zinc-aluminum plating on carbon steel; (5) cleaning/stripping associated with tin, zinc and aluminum plating on carbon steel; and (6) chemical etching and milling of aluminum.	Cadmium Chromium (Total) Cyanides (Total) ⁷ Cyanides (Amenable) ⁷ Lead Nickel Silver	0.69 2.77 1.2 0.86 0.69 3.98 NA	0.11 mg/L TCLP 0.60 mg/L TCLP 590 30 0.75 mg/L TCLP 11 mg/L TCLP 0.14 mg/L TCLP	

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