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SUBJECT: PCB WASTE STORAGE LIMITATIONS AND THE PCB RADIOACTIVE WASTE EXEMPTION

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- **SUBJECT:** PCB Waste Storage Limitations and the PCB Radioactive Waste Exemption
 - Q: In last week's Two Minute Training (2MT) we learned that PCB waste can be stored for disposal for more than one year if the PCB generator, (1) notifies EPA in writing 30 days before the 1 year time limit expires and identifies the reasons for failure to meet the 1-year time limit; (2) documents continuing attempts to secure disposal; (3) makes these documents available for inspection, and; (4) initiates attempts to secure disposal within 9 months of the date removed from service. But what if the PCB waste is also a radioactive waste (PCB/RAD), i.e., what are the requirements for PCB radioactive wastes that cannot be disposed within the one-year storage limit?
 - A: According to 40 CFR 761.65(a)(1), PCB/RAD waste is exempt from the 1-year time limit provided that 40 CFR 761.65(a)(2)(ii) and (iii) are met:
 - A written record documenting all continuing attempts to secure disposal is maintained until the waste is disposed of.
 - The written record required by paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section is available for inspection or submission if requested by EPA.

A generator of PCB/RAD waste must comply with only two conditions, (ii) and (iii), as compared to PCB nonradioactive waste that must comply with all four conditions, (i) – (iv). PCB/RAD waste may be in storage for several years, or decades, beyond the date removed from service due to limited or no disposal capacity for some PCB/RAD wastes. Therefore, it makes sense that a PCB/RAD waste generator would most likely not be able to meet condition (i) to notify EPA at least 30 days before the end of the 1-year storage limit or meet condition (iv) to initiate attempts to secure disposal within 9 months of the date removed from service.

Therefore, PCB/RAD waste can exceed the one-year storage limitation if the generator documents continuing attempts to secure disposal and makes these documents available for inspection.

SUMMARY:

- PCB wastes, NonRAD and RAD, must be disposed within 1 year of the date removed from service.
- However, an exemption is available for PCB/RAD waste no written request to EPA required.
- The exemption for PCB/Rad waste has fewer conditions than PCB/NonRAD waste, i.e., continuing attempts to secure disposal must be documented and the documents must be available for inspection.

A highlighted and struck through excerpt from 40 CFR 761.65 is attached to the e-mail. If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>Paul_W_Martin@rl.gov</u> or at (509) 376-6620.

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TWO MINUTE TRAINING – ATTACHMENT

SUBJECT: PCB Waste Storage Limitations and the PCB Radioactive Waste Exemption

40 CFR §761.65 Storage for disposal

This section applies to the storage for disposal of PCBs at concentrations of 50 ppm or greater and PCB Items with PCB concentrations of 50 ppm or greater.

(a)

(1) *Storage limitations.* Any PCB waste shall be disposed of as required by subpart D of this part within 1year from the date it was determined to be PCB waste and the decision was made to dispose of it. This date is the date of removal from service for disposal and the point at which the 1-year time frame for disposal begins. **PCB/radioactive waste** removed from service for disposal is exempt from the 1-year time limit provided that the provisions at paragraphs (a)(2)(ii) and (a)(2)(iii) of this section are followed and the waste is managed in accordance with all other applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations for the management of radioactive material.

(2) One-year extension. Any person storing PCB waste that is subject to the 1-year time limit for storage and disposal in paragraph (a)(1) of this section may provide written notification to the EPA Regional Administrator for the Region in which the PCB waste is stored that their continuing attempts to dispose of or secure disposal for their waste within the 1-year time limit have been unsuccessful. Upon receipt of the notice by the EPA Regional Administrator, the time for disposal is automatically extended for 1 additional year (2 years total) if the following conditions are met:

(i) The notification is received by the EPA Regional Administrator at least 30 days before the initial 1-year time limit expires and the notice identifies the storer, the types, volumes, and locations of the waste and the reasons for failure to meet the initial 1-year time limit.

(ii) A written record documenting all continuing attempts to secure disposal is maintained until the waste is disposed of.

(iii) The written record required by paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section is available for inspection or submission if requested by EPA.

(iv) Continuing attempts to secure disposal were initiated within 270 days after the time the waste was first subject to the 1-year time limit requirement, as specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section. Failure to initiate and continue attempts to secure disposal throughout the total time the waste is in storage shall automatically disqualify the notifier from receiving an automatic extension under this section.

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