Waste (Hazardous) 
Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Emergency Permit Information

What Activities Require This Permit? A person or facility is required to obtain a temporary emergency permit to treat a hazardous waste, when the treatment is not covered by an effective RCRA (Resource Conservation Recovery Act) hazardous waste management permit and the treatment activity is not exempt under the hazardous waste management rules. A temporary emergency permit may be needed when there are extenuating circumstances such as the hazardous waste is determined to be unsafe to transport or an appropriate permitted treatment facility (TSD) is not available.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To allow treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous waste for cases which the director finds an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment.

Who Issues This Permit? The NCDEQ, Division of Waste Management, Hazardous Waste Section.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? There is no charge for a temporary emergency permit.

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees? Not Applicable

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check? Not Applicable

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? There is no application form for a temporary emergency permit. The information that the Hazardous Waste Section requires in order to issue a temporary emergency permit may be obtained by calling the Hazardous Waste Section, Facility Management Branch at (919) 707-8200.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? If necessary, the information needed to issue a temporary emergency permit may be obtained over the phone. Permission to conduct the permitted activity may be granted over the phone once permission is obtained from the Section Chief. A written permit will be issued within five days.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Call (919-707-8200) or email the Hazardous Waste Section, Facilities Management Branch to find out the information needed.

NCDEQ, Division of Waste Management, Hazardous Waste Section, 1646 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC  27699-1646.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? The temporary emergency permit shall not exceed 90 days in duration.

Notes/Comments: None.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: North Carolina General Statutes (N.C.G.S) 130A-294

Links: https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/hazardous-waste-section

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