

#### **DEPT. OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT**

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# **Biennial Report: Frequently Asked Questions**

This guidance document has been produced by the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE) to answer frequently asked questions regarding the Biennial Report.

# What is the Biennial Report?

The Biennial Report, also referred to as the Hazardous Waste Report, is used to collect information from generators of hazardous waste and hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDFs). The report describes each type of hazardous waste generated on-site, the activity that generated the waste, and the amount generated. It also lists the management method by which each waste is treated, recycled, or disposed of and the amount managed.

The report must be submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each even-numbered year, and the data reflects the hazardous waste activity from the previous odd-numbered year.

The data collected is used by federal and state agencies for planning and developing regulations, compliance monitoring, and enforcement activities.

#### Who is required to submit a Biennial Report?

Sites are required to submit the report if they were classified as a Large Quantity Generator (LQG) of hazardous waste during any month of the reporting year, or if they treated, stored, or disposed of hazardous waste (TSDFs).

All one-time or short-term LQGs are required to submit the Biennial Report and must report the total amount of hazardous waste generated for the entire calendar year and not just for the month(s) that they were a LQG.

# When is the deadline for submitting the Biennial Report?

The 2025 Biennial Report must be completed by March 1, 2026.

#### What if I cannot meet the March 1st submission deadline?

If you are unable to submit a completed report by March 1, 2026, you may request an extension of no more than 30 days. The request must be made in writing and <u>received</u> by DWEE no later than April 1, 2026. You must state the reason for requesting the extension and state the additional time required to complete the report, not to exceed 30 days, or April 1, 2026. Extension requests can be mailed as a physical copy to DWEE or emailed to <a href="mailto:DWEE.WasteCompl@nebraska.gov">DWEE.WasteCompl@nebraska.gov</a>.

## Are there any fees required for submitting the Biennial Report?

No. However, failure to comply with federal and state regulations regarding the Biennial Report may result in fines and penalties.

# How do I submit a Biennial Report?

The report is submitted using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Form 8700-13A/B which can be completed online through the RCRAInfo website at <a href="https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/">https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/</a>. See the guidance document titled "How to Submit the Biennial Report" for step-by-step instructions on submitting the report on the RCRAInfo website.

## What documents would be helpful in filling out the forms?

To prepare for the report, you should consult your records on quantities and types of hazardous waste that your site generated, managed, shipped, or received. These records may include:

- Biennial Reports submitted in previous years
- Hazardous waste manifests
- Records of quantities of hazardous waste generated or accumulated on-site
- Results of laboratory analyses of your waste
- Records related to waste management and contracts or agreements with off-site facilities managing your waste

#### What forms do I need to submit as part of the report?

#### Waste Generation and Management (GM) Form

All sites must submit GM Forms for all hazardous waste that was used to determine the site's generator category. Hazardous waste must be reported if it was:

- Generated and accumulated on-site and managed on-site or shipped off-site during the reporting year
- Generated and accumulated on-site in the reporting year but managed on-site or shipped offsite after the reporting year
- Generated and accumulated on-site before the reporting year but either managed on-site or shipped off-site during the reporting year

 Hazardous waste received from Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQGs) by LQGs under the control of the same "person" and managed according to the applicable hazardous waste regulations

## Waste Received from Off-site (WR) Form

A site must submit WR Forms if they received RCRA hazardous waste from off-site and managed the waste on-site, including subsequent transfer off-site, during the reporting year. This includes hazardous waste that is received and recycled without first being stored, hazardous waste received and stored before being recycled, and hazardous waste received from generators to be partially reclaimed into commodity-like materials that are excluded from RCRA regulations.

#### Off-site Identification (OI) Form

The OI Form collects the name and address information of the sites identified within the Biennial Report.

# Site Identification (ID) Form

All sites are required to submit the Site ID Form as a part of the report. Fill out the Site ID Form with all current information as of the date of submitting your Hazardous Waste Report. This includes reporting your <u>current</u> generator status, which may be different from your reporting year. Mark the Reason for Submittal as "BR / AR with Notification [Source B]."

# Does DWEE require completion of all sections of the Site ID Form?

No. Completion of the following sections are not required by DWEE:

- Section 10 C: Waste Codes for State Regulated (non-Federal) Hazardous Wastes
- Section 11 C: Used Oil Activities
  - 1. Used Oil Transporter
  - 2. Used Oil Processor and/or Re-refiner
- Section 12: Eligible Academic Entities with Laboratories
- Section 16: Notification of Hazardous Secondary Material (HSM) Activity

These fields should be greyed out on your digital form.

# Who is required to sign the Certification of the Site ID Form?

The Certification must be signed by the owner(s), operator(s), responsible official(s), or authorized representative(s) of a facility. An "authorized representative" is a person responsible for the overall operations of the site such as a plant manager, superintendent, or someone of equal responsibility.

RCRAInfo uses a digital signature that will need to be set up prior to completing your biennial report submission. For more information on setting up an electronic signature on RCRAInfo, refer to the guidance document titled "RCRAInfo Industry User Guide."

What if my facility was not an LQG in 2025, but my last Subtitle C Site Identification (Site ID) 8700-12 Form submitted to DWEE lists my facility as an LQG?

If your facility was not an LQG in 2025, you must submit a Site ID Form to re-notify DWEE of your current generator status. Indicate in Section 13. Comments that you were not required to submit the Biennial Report for the 2025 reporting cycle and state the reason why.

## Should Universal Waste be Reported on the Biennial Report?

No.

# Does Nebraska require annual reporting?

No, Nebraska does not have an annual RCRA reporting requirement.

# **RESOURCES:**

DWEE Home Page https://dwee.nebraska.gov/

#### Contacts:

•	DWEE Main Number	(402) 471-2186
•	DWEE Toll Free Number	(877) 253-2603
•	DWEE Hazardous Waste Compliance Assistant	(402) 471-8308
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# Email questions to: <u>DWEE.moreinfo@nebraska.gov</u>

## **DWEE Publications:**

- Environmental Guidance Document "How to Submit the Biennial Report"
- Environmental Guidance Document "RCRAInfo Industry User Guide"
  Guidance documents are available on the DWEE website by clicking "Visit Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (DEE)," selecting "Forms," and "Publications, Grants & Forms."
- <u>Title 128 Nebraska Hazardous Waste Regulations</u>
  Titles are available on the DWEE website by clicking "Visit Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (DEE)," selecting "Resources and Services," "Laws & Regulations," and "Rules & Regulations."

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