

Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) Regulatory Position Statement (RPS) Movements of Small Quantities of Hazardous Waste – June 2018

Introduction

This document sets out NIEA's regulatory position on certain movements of small quantities of hazardous waste, **specifically for the activities described in Appendix A below.**

NIEA will consider the initial location (e.g. business depot, yard, garage) receiving the waste for storage, as the point of production with respect to the use of hazardous waste consignment notes. The storage itself may require a waste authorisation. Please note, all movements of hazardous waste must be undertaken by a registered waste carrier. The guidance is only applicable in Northern Ireland and must be read alongside the NIEA's current Enforcement Policy, which is available at the following link <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/daera/emfg-enforcement-policy.pdf> .

Background

The absence of a policy related to the movement of small quantities of hazardous waste, constrains operators who produce and move small quantities of hazardous materials and increases costs for those managing the materials.

Protection of Human Health and the Environment

The relevant objectives in Schedule 3 of the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 must be complied with. They state that: waste is recovered or disposed of without endangering human health and without using processes or methods which could harm the environment and in particular without -

- (i) Risk to water, air, soil, plants or animals; or
- (ii) Causing nuisance through noise or odours; or
- (iii) Adversely affecting the countryside or places of special interest.

Summary

Having considered the potential risks posed by the initial movement of small quantities of hazardous waste listed in Appendix A, the Agency does not believe it is in the public interest to expect the operators involved, to complete consignment notes in these circumstances. It should be noted however that, if any activity/movement is carried out in a way likely to pollute the environment or harm human health, the NIEA will consider enforcement action and or the removal of this RPS. This RPS may also be amended or revoked in light of regulatory change or future government guidance.

Further information

Additional information can be obtained at <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/waste> and <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/hazardous-waste> or by contacting NIEA Tel No. 02890 569710.

IMPORTANT

The maximum quantity of wastes that can be transported in relation to this Regulatory Position Statement, in any single movement, is 200 kilograms.

All onward movements of hazardous waste from the initial storage locations must be accompanied by consignment notes.

This guidance and the approach it sets out, applies only to the consignment of hazardous waste. Please note this position does not remove your obligation to comply with other legislation.

Additional information in relation to authorisations for the storage of waste please contact NIEA on Tel No. 02890 569359

This guidance does not apply to activities carried on outside Northern Ireland.

This guidance will be subject to regular review and revised as required.

This guidance does not apply to companies who collect waste as their main business activity.

Appendix A – Activities covered by this Regulatory Position Statement

INITIAL MOVEMENTS OF SMALL QUANTITIES OF HAZARDOUS WASTE	
WMLR 001	The movement of small quantities of hazardous waste e.g. batteries, oil, oil filters, oily rags etc, generated from emergency vehicle maintenance services, from the roadside to an initial storage location.
WMLR 002	The movement of small quantities of hazardous waste e.g. batteries, oil, oil filters, oily rags, air conditioning canisters etc, generated from servicing site plant and machinery, from a site to an initial storage location.
WMLR 003	The movement of small quantities of hazardous waste e.g. petrol, diesel, petrol/diesel mixtures etc, generated from the incorrect fuelling of cars, from the roadside or a petrol station forecourt to an initial storage location.
WMLR 004	The movement of small quantities of hazardous waste e.g. fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, WEEE etc, generated by building and equipment maintenance activities, from offices/buildings/facilities to an initial storage location.
WMLR 005	The movement of small quantities of hazardous waste e.g. pesticides, rodenticides, poisoned rodents etc. generated by pest control activities, from the site which has undergone treatment to an initial storage location.