



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
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Past Due Notice

Dear Business Owner,

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has not received your payment, due on June 30, 2012 for the Hazardous Waste Generation Fee invoice in the amount of \$47.00.

Ecology is not able to accept electronic, phone payments or payments made in person at this time. Please mail your payments in the envelope provided.

If you generated any dangerous waste in 2011 you are required to pay the Hazardous Waste Generation Fee (Generation Fee). Accrued interest will be added to unpaid balances remaining on **September 30, 2012**. To avoid incurring the additional interest on your bill, please send your payment or your request for a waiver in the envelope provided by **September 30, 2012**.

Why am I paying this fee?

Ecology included your business in this mailing because your business is assigned a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code that typically generates dangerous waste. See your NAICS code on the attached billing invoice.

You must pay the Generation Fee if your business meets the following criteria:

Your business generated dangerous waste in 2011

AND

The value of all your products, gross proceeds of sales, or gross income exceeded \$12,000 in 2011

Or

Your business has an active Dangerous Waste Site ID number for one of your sites and reported disposing of dangerous waste in 2011.

What will happen if I ignore this bill?

If this bill is not paid by September 30, 2012 it will begin accruing interest charges at a rate of 1% per month. If the bill continues to be delinquent after a period of time, we are obligated to forward the bill to a collection agency. This will add an additional collection-related cost to settle the account. When this

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happens, you could be charged up to an additional 50% of the original fee, which equals \$23.00, as allowed in RCW 19.16.500(1)(b). Interest due will also continue to grow until the fee is paid.

What are some examples of dangerous waste?

The following list contains **examples** of wastes generated by some sectors included in the fee. This list is **not** a complete list of wastes but is intended as an example:

- Petroleum products, Used Oil and Anti-Freeze, even if it has been recycled
- Paint, Solvents, Acids, Caustic Bases, Pesticides, Fertilizers, and Herbicides
- Dental Amalgam, even if it is captured in an amalgam separator
- X-ray, Photo Processing Chemicals, Inkjet, Plate Activator & Stabilizer
- Pharmaceuticals-Prescription and Over the counter medication

Refer to the Dangerous Waste Regulations, listed at the end of this letter, to determine if your waste is dangerous.

What is the Generation Fee used for?

Funds generated by the Generation Fee help pay for activities such as:

- Technical assistance information
- Phone consultations
- Technical assistance visits

Do I have to pay the fee if I don't generate dangerous waste?

No, businesses that do not produce dangerous waste can apply for a waiver or exemption of the fee depending on their situation.

- You can apply for a waiver if your business did not produce any dangerous waste in 2011 but will produce dangerous waste in the future. This waiver is good for one year. You will be billed again next year.
- You can apply for an exemption if your business did not and will not produce any dangerous waste. If an exemption is granted, you will not have to pay the 2011 fee and you will not be billed again until your business generates dangerous waste.

You can apply for the waiver or exemption on-line at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/genfees/waiver.html>. We will respond within a few business days by email. If you are unable to apply for the waiver or exemption using our on-line application, please fill out the form found on the back of your bill and return it in the envelope provided. Please return the form **before the September 30, 2012** deadline.

What if the NAICS code assigned to my business is wrong?

The NAICS code assigned to your business by the Washington State Department of Revenue appears on the right side of the billing coupon. If you believe this code is wrong, you need to contact them at 1-800-647-7706 to have it changed. If it is changed, you should call us at 1-866-211-2955 to see if your corrected

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NAICS code is subject to the fee. If you are not subject to the fee you will be asked to apply for an exemption.

Additional information:

For more information on the Generation Fee visit our website at:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/genfees/index.html>

Rules:

WAC 173-305 Hazardous Waste Fees regulation (section 110)
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-305>

WAC 173-303 Dangerous Waste regulations
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-303>

Laws:

RCW 70.95E Hazardous Waste Fees (section 040)
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.95E>

RCW 43.17 Administrative Departments and Agencies- General Provisions (section 240)
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.17.240>

RCW 19.16 Collection Agencies (section 500(1) (b))
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=19.16.500>

NAICS information:

You can look up the NAICS code for your business at:
<http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>

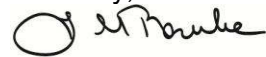
For more general information about dangerous waste and dangerous waste handling, please go to visit our website at:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/shoptalkonline/index.html> and subscribe to **Shoptalk**. Or, if you provide us your email address below, we will add that address to our Shoptalk email distribution list. Detach it from this letter and return it with your payment or exemption application.

Email Address: _____

How do I get more information if I do not have internet access?

Businesses without internet access or who need more assistance can call 1-866-211-2955 for more information. Your call will be answered by an automated system. Please follow the directions given by the system. Leave a message if asked to do so. Your call will be answered in the order received and as quickly as possible, usually within one business day.

Sincerely,



Jeri Berube
Hazardous Waste Generation Fee Administrator
Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program

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