



Abu Dhabi Occupational Safety and Health System Framework (ADOSH-SF)

Code of Practice
CoP 54.0 – Waste Management

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1. Introduction

- (a) This Code of Practice (CoP) applies to all employers within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi that generate waste, whether hazardous or non-hazardous. This CoP is designed to incorporate requirements set by ADPHC and Sector Regulatory Authorities (SRA's) in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
- (b) This CoP establishes the interim minimum requirements and standards for the handling and management of waste by entities so that the risks associated with the handling and disposal of waste are assessed, that control measures are implemented in accordance with the hierarchy of controls as per *ADOSH-SF - Element 2 - Risk Management*, and that control measures are taken to prevent pollution.
- (c) This CoP establishes the interim minimum requirements for the handling, transport and disposal of waste, including recording and collection of waste data, and use of waste transport manifests.
- (d) This CoP does not apply to :
 - (i) wastes discharged to atmosphere in the form of gases, vapours, fumes, aerosols, dusts and particulates;
 - (ii) radioactive wastes; and
 - (iii) sewerage water or effluents released from the industries.
- (e) The waste transport interim requirements in this CoP do not apply in the following cases:
 - (i) the transportation of waste in case of an emergency to protect human health, the environment or property;
 - (ii) the transportation of waste for the purpose of waste categorization or in research, but only if this has been approved by waste management regulatory authorities in AD;
 - (iii) the transportation of waste by pipeline; or
 - (iv) the transportation of any residue of a substance in a container, if the container will be refilled with the same type of substance and the substance in the refilled container is intended for use.

2. Training and Competency

- (a) Employers shall ensure that OSH training complies with the requirements of:
 - (i) *ADOSH-SF - Element 5 - Training, Awareness and Competency.*
 - (ii) *ADOSH-SF - Mechanism 7.0 - Occupational Safety and Health Practitioner and Service Provider Registration.*
- (b) Employers shall ensure personnel required to implement the requirements of this CoP are trained in the requirements and understand the risks associated with waste handling and disposal and the control measures put in place by the employer.
- (c) Training for employees shall be competency-based and include:
 - (i) waste classification and segregation;
 - (ii) waste storage, transport and disposal methods;
 - (iii) waste manifest / transfer note requirements;
 - (iv) specific hazardous waste requirements; and
 - (v) emergency procedures.
- (d) Employers shall maintain a record of the required training that contains the following information:
 - (i) name and ID number;
 - (ii) Emirates ID number of the employee;
 - (iii) subject(s) of training;
 - (iv) dates(s) of training; and
 - (v) person(s) providing the training.

3. Requirements

3.1 Roles and Responsibilities

3.1.1 Employer

- (a) Employers shall undertake their roles and responsibilities in accordance with the general requirements of *ADOSH-SF - Element 1 - Roles, Responsibilities and Self-Regulation* Section 3.2.5.
- (b) Employers shall undertake appropriate risk assessment to ensure hazards from the generation, handling, segregation, recycling, storage, transportation and disposal of waste are identified and appropriate control measures are implemented as required by *ADOSH-SF - Element 2 - Risk Management*.

3.1.2 Employees

- (a) Employees shall undertake their roles and responsibilities in accordance with the general requirements of *ADOSH-SF - Element 1 - Roles, Responsibilities and Self-Regulation* Section 3.2.7.

3.1.3 Waste Classification

- (a) The identification and classification of different waste stream shall be based on:
 - (i) the definition of waste stipulated in Law No. (21) of 2005 Concerning Waste Management in Abu Dhabi Emirate;
 - (ii) the classification of hazardous wastes and medical wastes stipulated in Regulation Concerning Handling of Hazardous Substance, Hazardous Wastes and Medical Wastes under the Federal Law No. (24) of 1999; and
 - (iii) waste classification guidelines by authorities in charge of regulating waste management in the Emirate.

3.1.4 Waste Generator

- (a) All effort shall be dedicated towards minimising waste generation at the source, by preventing the generation of waste and introducing source segregation.
- (b) The waste generator shall:
 - (i) identify and classify the waste according to Section 3.1.3 of this CoP;
 - (ii) segregate non-hazardous / hazardous / medical waste into appropriate recycling bins for non-hazardous wastes (glass, metal, plastics, paper, and cardboard), or special coded bins / containers for the hazardous waste;
 - (iii) ensure all wastes are stored on site correctly to minimise adverse impact to environment and human health, as per the applicable regulations of waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate and relevant laws;
 - (iv) ensure that incompatible wastes are not mixed;

- (v) ensure that Registered Service Providers (RSP's) have valid permits from waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate as per applicable requirements; and
- (vi) ensure that all waste is transferred to an appropriate waste management facility that is permitted by waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate to receive the classified waste.
- (c) The waste generator remains the 'owner' of the waste and is thus responsible for the correct handling / disposal / reuse / recycling of the waste in accordance with this CoP within its premises until it leaves the generation point and is handed over to a permitted RSP to be taken to a facility designated by waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate for further treatment /disposal.
- (d) The waste generator is required to keep appropriate manifest / transfer notes and other records as evidence of appropriate handling from the generation to the final destination of the waste for a period of at minimum 5 years.
- (e) If the waste management facility rejects the waste, the waste generator shall identify another appropriate location seeking guidance from the waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate for the transportation / management of that waste.
- (f) If another location cannot be found, then the generator shall accept the rejected waste and find a way to manage that waste as per the directives of waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate in keeping with the requirements of this CoP.
- (g) Generators of wastes shall determine if the wastes are hazardous or non-hazardous.
- (h) The generator of hazardous wastes shall:
 - (i) be responsible for classifying the waste;
 - (ii) have a valid permit from the waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate;
 - (iii) determine the potentially hazardous properties of their waste;
 - (iv) determine constituents of the waste that give rise to those potentially hazardous properties;
 - (v) ensure hazardous waste is stored and managed (including packaging, containment and labeling) according to the identified hazards to minimize risk to human health and the environment; and
 - (vi) complete relevant sections of the Manifest for Transporting Toxic and Hazardous Wastes as per all the applicable laws in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

3.2 Registered Service Providers

- (a) The Registered Service Provider (RSP) - waste collector / transporter - shall have a valid permit / license from the waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate in order to transport waste in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
- (b) Handling of hazardous wastes and medical wastes is prohibited without licensing from the relevant authorities within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
- (c) The RSP shall keep records of the hazardous waste consignment number and the Waste Transfer Note for a period of at least 5 years.
- (d) The RSP for hazardous wastes shall ensure the following:
 - (i) having a valid permit / license from the waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate;
 - (ii) wastes received are stored correctly and are handled correctly during transportation;
 - (iii) the hazardous waste received is the same waste and same quantity as classified according to Manifest for Transporting Toxic and Hazardous Wastes (information provided by waste generator);
 - (iv) relevant sections of the Manifest for Transporting Toxic and Hazardous Wastes are completed accurately;
 - (v) transportation vehicles meet necessary requirements for the identified hazards;
 - (vi) a copy of the Manifest for Transporting Toxic and Hazardous Wastes is carried in the vehicle with the load at all times;
 - (vii) the waste is taken to a waste management facility permitted to receive hazardous wastes;
 - (viii) if the hazardous waste management facility rejects the waste, the RSP shall:
 - 1. obtain the Manifest for transporting Toxic and Hazardous Waste for the waste endorsed by the facility stating the reasons for the rejection;
 - 2. forward the Manifest of the rejected wastes, including reasons for rejection to the waste generator;
 - 3. transport the waste to an alternative waste management facility as identified by the waste generator and/or the waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate; and
 - 4. if another appropriate waste management facility is not identified by the waste generator and/or the waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate, the waste transporter shall transport the waste back to the waste generator.
 - (ix) having emergency management control measures in place in case of an accidental spill or incident; and
 - (x) holding appropriate insurance that shall include coverage for any clean up and remediation cost that may be incurred to protect the environment from incidents or spills.

3.3 Waste Management Facility

- (a) A waste management facility includes:
 - (i) a waste transfer station;
 - (ii) landfill;
 - (iii) reuse and recycling facility / materials recovery facility;
 - (iv) storage facility;
 - (v) treatment facility;
 - (vi) incinerator;
 - (vii) energy recovery facility; and
 - (viii) any other as identified by CWM-AD.
- (b) Waste management facilities shall have a valid permit / License issued by the waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate in order to operate.
- (c) Waste management facilities shall ensure compliance with the emission and exposure Standards stipulated by the Federal Environmental Law No. 24 of 1999 and other federal and local regulations.
- (d) Handling of hazardous wastes and medical wastes is prohibited without licensing from the relevant authorities within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
- (e) All wastes leaving generators premises and taken to a waste management facility licensed / permitted by the waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate is owned as specified by the regulatory authorities, unless specific contract conditions to the contrary are in place.
- (f) Sites licensed / permitted by the waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate to store, recycle, treat, and/or dispose of hazardous and/or non-hazardous waste shall keep appropriate records (manifests / transfer notes) of where the wastes received originated from, and the nature, composition, form and quantity of those wastes.

4. Document Amendment Record

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		<i>Change from "Waste Management Center - Abu Dhabi" to "waste management regulatory authorities in the Emirate", with further edits where required</i>	



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