

FAQs

Who can participate in the program?

Small quantity generators (SQGs) of hazardous waste are encouraged to join. Conditionally exempt small quantity generators (CESQGs) who wish to comply with the SQG requirements are also welcome to participate.

Where do I find the checklist?

<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/HW/SQGSelfCert/2016SQGFormsAndGuidance.pdf>

The participating facility will indicate on the checklist how and when they will correct any self-identified problems and return to compliance.

Will my facility automatically be inspected by DEQ if I join?

No. Additionally, Self-Certification Program participants will not be inspected more frequently than non-participating facilities.

Is my facility required to participate in this program?

No, participation is strictly voluntary at this time. However, by participating, you have the unique opportunity to work with DEQ in a non-enforcement manner to improve your hazardous waste management practices.

This sounds like a great idea! Are there other self-certification programs at DEQ?

This is currently the only self-certification program at DEQ. The program may expand to include other hazardous waste generator categories or industrial sectors as the need and opportunity arises. Your participation will help you benefit from the program.

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Voluntary Self-Certification For Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generators



The focus of this voluntary self-certification program is to help Small Quantity Generators (SQGs) of hazardous waste achieve regulatory compliance. Participants can gauge their level of compliance with hazardous waste regulations by evaluating waste management practices using an easy-to-follow guidance document provided by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Why use this program?

- ⚠ Employees responsible for managing hazardous waste at SQG facilities often must wear many hats and might not have time to become a hazardous waste “expert”.
- ⚠ Many well-intentioned SQGs inadvertently fail to comply due to the complexity of the hazardous waste regulations.
- ⚠ Some facilities don’t know who to ask for assistance or are reluctant to contact DEQ with questions.



Benefits of joining the Self-Certification Program

- 🗑 Conveniently evaluate your waste management program by following a simplified checklist and accompanying guidance document
- 🗑 Schedule a compliance assistance visit by DEQ personnel
- 🗑 Take advantage of training opportunities
- 🗑 Reduce the likelihood of an accident involving hazardous waste by improving waste management practices
- 🗑 Develop a positive relationship with DEQ
- 🗑 Gain peace of mind about your hazardous waste management program, allowing you to focus on the core aspects of your business

How it works

DEQ provides a SQG inspection checklist and accompanying guidance document that explains each requirement and gives specific examples of compliance and noncompliance. Joining the self-certification program allows facility personnel to combine knowledge of their facility with DEQ’s understanding of the hazardous waste regulations and best-management practices to ensure that compliance is achieved and maintained. After 2 years, the facility will need to re-certify by completing and submitting the checklist. These checklists will be updated to include any regulatory changes that may have occurred.