

Waste Quarantine

Introduction

This procedure is aimed to deal with unauthorised and non-compliant waste in a safe and controlled manner.

Procedure

Waste that does not comply with pre-acceptance, acceptance criteria, arrive as emergency deliveries or returned rejected waste must be placed in quarantine pending investigation.

Bulk Waste

Bulk waste that does not comply with the acceptance criteria are quarantined on the delivery vehicle. If an immediate solution to the issues concerned cannot be achieved the waste is rejected and returned to the producer. Vehicles can be held in quarantine for up to 12 hours before compulsory rejection.

Bulk deliveries that arrive as emergencies are quarantined on the delivery vehicle. The Site Manager / Director carries out an assessment. If the waste is unsuitable for the site, it may be discharged into containers and placed in the quarantine area. Emergency bulk deliveries may be quarantined on the delivery vehicle for up to 24 hours.

Containerised Waste

Containerised waste deliveries that do not comply with the acceptance criteria are quarantined on the delivery vehicle. If an immediate solution to the issues concerned cannot be achieved the waste is rejected and returned to the producer. Vehicles can be held in quarantine for up to 12 hours before compulsory rejection.

Containerised waste that fails sample procedure or emergency deliveries are immediately quarantined. Containerised waste can be held for a maximum of 5 working days before compulsory rejection and return to the producer.

Investigation

When waste is quarantined, the Site Manager or their designate will assess the situation and inform Natural Resources Wales if considered necessary. The type and source of the waste and the issue's concerned will be recorded. The Site Manager/ Waste Administrator shall contact the waste producer to obtain information about the waste enabling concerns to be rectified. Waste is held in the quarantine area until adequate information is obtained to enable the appropriate treatment or transfer. The Site Manager makes the final decision on the waste. When this is achieved the waste is labelled and moved to the appropriate storage area or returned to the producer.

Non-conformance form SHEQ-FOR-QAS-009 will be used for all non-conforming waste.

If Natural Resources Wales have been involved in the investigation they will be notified of the outcome and disposal route of the waste. All details on the investigation are to be recorded.

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