



**Minnesota Pollution
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Establishing a VSQG Consolidation Site - Information Request Form

Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program

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Instructions: To obtain a license application and a copy of the background document describing program requirements in more detail, complete and mail or fax the form to Teresa Gilbertson at 507-537-6001. For questions about establishing a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) collection program, please contact Teresa Gilbertson at 507-476-4254 or 800-657-3864 teresa.gilbertson@state.mn.us.

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Facility Information

Facility name: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____
Contact name: _____ County: _____
Contact phone number: _____ Contact fax number: _____
Contact e-mail: _____

VSQG Information (Check all that apply)

I am: ☐ A business or organization with multiple VSQG locations ☐ A VSQG
☐ A consultant requesting information on behalf of a client ☐ An SQG or LQG
☐ A transporter or waste management contractor ☐ A trade or business association
☐ A government entity
☐ Other (describe): _____

I intend to collect:

☐ 1-3 waste types ☐ 7 or more waste types
☐ 4-6 waste types ☐ Less than 220 pounds per month

Information Request (Check all that apply)

Send me a copy of the *VSQG Collection Program Background* document and *License Application* ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am interested in establishing a VSQG collection program as a:

☐ Business opportunity
☐ Service to similar generators
☐ Other (describe): _____

Environmental Concerns

A Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) of hazardous waste is a business or other organization that generates 100 kilograms (220 pounds or about 22 gallons liquid) or less of hazardous waste per month. VSQG waste may accumulate so slowly that:

- collecting enough to ship may take many months or even years
- hiring a waste disposal company to pick up smaller amounts is not economically feasible

Storing even small amounts of hazardous waste to dispose of it safely and more frequently, Minnesota hazardous waste rules allow the formation of collection sites for VSQG waste. A VSQG may deliver hazardous waste it generates to a collection site. The collection site will bring it together with waste from other VSQGs, and then ship it to a disposal facility.

Summary of Requirements for Collection Programs

Any organization or business may establish a collection program as a service, as a for-profit venture, or to consolidate its own waste from several sites. The collection program may operate at a permanent site, or may be a single collection event that happens once at a particular location.

To establish and operate a collection, you must apply to and obtain a collection program license from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) or your twin cities metropolitan county. Each collection program will determine the type(s) of waste it will accept, which VSQGs are eligible to participate in the program, and how much to charge for the service. A program that charges for service must arrange for payment from the VSQG. **Each program is responsible for all of the costs involved to manage the collected waste properly.**

Collection programs must manage collected waste according to large quantity generator standards including:

- training personnel – both initial and annual refresher courses
- preparing a contingency plan
- following hazardous waste storage requirements including documented container inspections

Programs collecting more than 1000 kilograms (2200 pounds) of waste per month must ship the waste within 90 days of the accumulation start date. Programs collecting between 100-1000 kilograms (220-2200 pounds) of waste per month must ship waste within 180 days of the accumulation start date. For slowly accumulating waste streams, programs may follow satellite accumulation requirements. For more information on satellite accumulation requirements, see MPCA fact sheet #1.04/1.05, *Label and Store Hazardous Waste Correctly* available at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/pubs/business.html#general>.

Each licensed consolidation site will act as the waste generator when shipping and must keep records to track the source of the waste.

Programs must assist hazardous waste generators using the program in completing shipping papers and meeting Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) requirements.

VSQG Program

To participate in a collection program, each VSQG must have or apply for a hazardous waste generator identification number – issued by the MPCA – and must pre-apply to the collection program they intend to use. Although VSQGs may transport their own waste in their own vehicle, the waste must be:

- accompanied by a shipping paper
- properly secured in the vehicle
- transported following Mn/DOT requirements for hazardous materials