

Why Is This Required?

Why do we have to screen for hazardous wastes at the landfill?

Requirement: The Wyoming Solid Waste Rules & Regulations (SWRR), Chapter 2, Requirements For Sanitary Landfills, Section 2(5)(f) and 5(y)(ii)(C) , requires that the facility operator: 1) Shall implement a program of random inspections of incoming solid wastes or take other steps to detect and prevent disposal of regulated hazardous wastes and PCB wastes; 2) Shall promptly notify the administrator if regulated hazardous wastes or PCB wastes are discovered at the facility; 3) Shall maintain records of random inspections and screenings for hazardous and PCB wastes and of training of landfill operators to properly detect hazardous and PCB wastes; and 3) Shall only accept excluded quantities (i.e., CESQG) of hazardous wastes if specific authorization is granted in writing by the administrator.

What's the problem? The photo below depicts what can happen if hazardous wastes are not properly screened. A program for the detection and removal of hazardous wastes will help to reduce contact with hazardous materials by other employees of the facility and will discourage attempts to dump regulated hazardous waste illegally. It also prevents ground water contamination caused by leaching of hazardous constituents contained in the hazardous wastes.



