

Movement of Controlled Waste into Victoria



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Industrial Waste Resource Guideline

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Introduction

The interstate movement of controlled waste into Victoria is managed under the National Environment Protection Measure (NEPM) for the Movement of Controlled Waste between States and Territories.

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) has adopted the NEPM principles through implementing the Industrial Waste Management Policy (Movement of Controlled Waste between States and Territories) (the Policy).

Controlled wastes are listed in the NEPM (see Further Information). If you are unsure whether the waste you wish to remove, or receive, is defined as a controlled waste under the NEPM, contact the agency or department responsible for environmental protection in your state or territory.

Dispatching, receiving or otherwise participating in the interstate movement of a controlled waste, without the appropriate approvals, is unlawful.

What the Policy means for you

You will be affected by the Policy if you:

1. are a producer of a controlled waste wishing to transport that waste from another State or Territory into Victoria

2. are involved in the transportation of a controlled waste between states or territories
3. intend to receive a controlled waste from another state or territory for storage, treatment, recycling and/or disposal.

Under the Policy, waste producers, transporters and receivers must:

- use the nationally agreed NEPM List of controlled wastes
- ensure that a valid consignment authorisation is issued from the receiving state prior to any transportation (see attached application)
- ensure that interstate movements of controlled waste are accompanied by a waste transport certificate
- complete and sign the required sections of the waste transport certificate
- ensure that the vehicle has a permit/licence issued in the owner's/company's home State that is valid to transport controlled waste
- ensure that the PCB application form is completed and submitted with the consignment authorisation application when transporting polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
- be fully aware of the relevant requirements of local legislation. In Victoria, this is the *Environment Protection Act 1970*, the Environment Protection (Industrial Waste Resource) Regulations 2009 and the Industrial Waste Management Policy (Movement of Controlled Waste between States and Territories).

Consignment authorisation

EPA will issue or refuse a consignment authorisation within five working days following receipt of a completed application. Further information may also be sought to support the application.

General considerations

States and territories are required to take certain matters into consideration in determining an application for a consignment authorisation. These include, but are not limited to:

This guidance forms part of the Industrial Waste Resource Guidelines (IWRG), which offer guidance for wastes and resources regulated under the *Environment Protection (Industrial Waste Resource) Regulations 2009* (the Regulations). Publication IWRG831 – June 2009.

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1. Whether the facility to which the controlled wastes are directed, is appropriately licensed, or approved by the agency in the participating state or territory of destination, to receive the controlled waste.
2. Relevant environmental protection policies and legislation of participating jurisdictions which will assist in meeting the desired environmental outcomes.

Victorian considerations

- Where practicable, wastes should be treated or disposed of in the State of origin.
- Waste may only be disposed of at facilities that have the appropriate licence or permit to operate in that jurisdiction.
- Waste will not be permitted to be transported interstate for landfill.
- Relevant environment protection policies and Victorian legislation.

Jurisdictions may consult with each other before deciding whether to approve or refuse the consignment.

The application form for consignment authorisation for the movement of controlled waste between States and Territories can be downloaded from the [waste transportation forms](#) page on the EPA website.

Waste transport certificates

Waste transport certificates can be obtained from the environmental protection agency in the state or territory of origin. See Further Information below for details on EPA Victoria waste transport certificates.

Regardless of which format is used, a hard copy of the waste tracking form must be kept in the cabin of the vehicle while waste is being transported.

Specific responsibilities

Waste producer

A waste producer is the person who produces controlled waste, or a person authorised by an agency in the jurisdiction where the controlled waste is produced, to act on behalf of the producer.

If you are a waste producer wanting to move controlled waste to Victoria you must:

- prior to dispatch of the controlled waste, apply for, and be issued with, a valid consignment authorisation number by the agency of the originating state or territory, or a facility authorised by that agency. EPA can help you with contact details
- ensure that the controlled waste transporter has a valid transport permit/licence

- obtain a waste transport certificate, complete the required sections and give it to the transporter
- ensure that the transporter fills out the relevant section of the transport certificate before the controlled waste is removed from your premises
- keep a copy of all the information (for example, the completed waste transport certificate) for at least 24 months from the date of dispatch of each load.

Waste transporter

A waste transporter is a person who transports controlled wastes from one participating state or territory to another.

If you are a waste transporter you must:

- ensure that your vehicle has a permit/licence which is endorsed for the interstate transport of controlled waste by the relevant agency or department responsible for environment protection in the state or territory of origin
- at the time of pick-up, provide or confirm to the controlled waste producer, the relevant information on the transport certificate
- ensure that all required documentation is kept in the cabin of the vehicle. This includes:
 - a printed hard copy of the transport certificate
 - a copy of your permit/licence
 - an 'initial emergency response guide' card
- on delivery, ensure that the relevant section of the waste transport certificate is completed by the receiver and:
 - retain your copy of the transport certificate
 - ensure that the waste receiver takes their correct copy.

Facility operator (waste receiver)

If you are a facility operator receiving controlled waste you must:

- on receiving the waste, be given a copy of the transport certificate from the transporter and, after checking consignment details, confirm receipt of the waste by completing the transport certificate
- report the receipt of a consignment (or load) by sending off the relevant part of the transport certificate to:
 - the producer
 - the nominated agency in the jurisdiction of origin
 - the nominated agency in the jurisdiction of destination
- provide the information required on the transport certificate and retain it for at least 24 months
- report any discrepancies on the transport certificate to EPA Victoria.

Further information

Information on the NEPM is available from:
National Environment Protection Council

Tel: 08 8419 1200

Fax: 08 8224 0912

Web: www.ephc.gov.au

Email: exec@nepc.gov.au

To purchase Waste Transport Certificates contact EPA
on 1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC).

The application form can be downloaded from the
[waste transportation forms](#) page on the EPA website,
www.epa.vic.gov.au.