

**BOARD OF MINERALS AND ENVIRONMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Permit Number: GPRU 12-19

**GENERAL PERMIT FOR RESTRICTED USE SOLID WASTE  
DISPOSAL FACILITIES UNDER THE SOUTH DAKOTA  
WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 34A-6-1.6 authorizes the Board of Minerals and Environment (Board) to adopt rules relating to the issuance, renewal, revocation or suspension of solid waste facility permits. SDCL 34A-6-58 authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to recommend that the Board issue general permits for certain categories of solid waste facilities.

This general permit authorizes the construction and operation of a restricted use solid waste disposal facility within the State of South Dakota, subject to compliance with all conditions set forth in this general permit. If any of the conditions of this general permit are not met, the operator may be required to apply for and obtain an individual solid waste permit as specified in SDCL 34A-6-58 and the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:27:10:06. In addition, the operator may be subject to civil penalties set forth in SDCL 34A-6-1.4 and 34A-6-1.31.

Pursuant to SDCL 34A-6-58, this general permit is valid until suspended, revoked or modified by the Board.

This permit is effective as of June 4, 2012, and shall expire on June 4, 2017.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.



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Steven M. Pirner, Secretary  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** POSSESSION OF THIS DOCUMENT **DOES NOT** PROVE THE HOLDER IS LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE A RESTRICTED USE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY.

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## **1.0 GENERAL STATEMENTS OF LAW AND OWNER/OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **1.01 Definitions**

Definitions used in this permit are as follows:

- A. "ARSD," the Administrative Rules of South Dakota.
- B. "Board," the Board of Minerals and Environment.
- C. "DENR," the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
- D. "Emergency," a condition that the secretary finds deleterious to the public health, safety, and welfare and that requires immediate action.
- E. "Occupied Dwelling," a house or building normally occupied as a residence.
- F. "Operator," a person responsible for the overall operation of a facility or part of a facility.
- G. "SDCL," South Dakota Codified Laws.
- H. "Secretary," the secretary of the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, or authorized representative.

### **1.02 Applicability of General Permit**

This general permit is potentially applicable to operators of restricted use solid waste disposal facilities in the State of South Dakota that accept less than 5,000 tons of restricted use solid waste per year.

### **1.03 Severability**

The provisions of this general permit are severable. If any provision of this general permit, or the application of any provision of this general permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provisions to other circumstances and the remainder of this general permit, shall not be affected thereby.

### **1.04 Property Rights**

This general permit does not convey any property rights of any kind, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of federal, state, or local laws and ordinances.

### **1.05 Amendments, Revocation, and Suspension of General Permit**

DENR may recommend to the Board that this general permit be amended as provided by ARSD 74:27:10:05. The Board may suspend or revoke this general permit as provided by SDCL 34A-6-1.21 and 34A-6-58.

### **1.06 Procedure for Requesting Authorization**

To obtain authorization to operate a restricted use site under the terms and conditions of this general permit, the operator must submit a request for authorization and publish a notice of intent in an official newspaper in the county in which the proposed site will be located. The request for authorization must be submitted to DENR at least 60 calendar days before the first anticipated use of the site. The notice of intent must be published at least 20 calendar days before the first anticipated use of the site. The notice of intent shall include:

- A. the name, address, and phone number of both the landowner and operator of the proposed site;
- B. the number of acres comprising the proposed site;
- C. the general location of the proposed site;
- D. the legal description (quarter, section, township, range, and county) of the proposed site;
- E. a description of the authorized wastes to be accepted and managed at the proposed site; and
- F. the estimated annual tonnage of waste materials to be accepted and managed.

If the DENR determines the request for authorization is complete and meets the terms of this general permit, DENR will issue an authorization letter and certificate approving the development and operation of the site.

**1.07 Duration of Authorization**

Initial authorization to operate under this general permit shall be valid for up to two years from the date of issuance and may be renewed for periods up to five years.

**1.08 Renewal of Authorization**

If the operator wishes to continue an activity regulated by this general permit after the expiration date of the letter of authorization, the operator must submit a renewal request for authorization to DENR at least 60 calendar days before the letter of authorization expires.

**1.09 Changes to Request for Authorization**

The operator must notify DENR prior to implementing any proposed change to a restricted use site location, acreage, authorized waste acceptance, tonnage, or operational practice that would be different from the request for authorization initially submitted to DENR. All changes must be approved by DENR and be public noticed for at least 20 days prior to implementation.

**1.10 Transfers**

The authorization may be transferred to a new operator provided:

- A. the current authorized operator notifies DENR in writing at least 20 calendar days prior to the proposed transfer date;
- B. the notification to DENR includes a written agreement between the authorized and new operator containing the date of transfer of permit responsibility, coverage and liability;
- C. the notification to DENR includes written documentation demonstrating that the new operator is qualified to comply with the terms and conditions of this general permit;
- D. the new operator provides a financial assurance mechanism, if applicable, equal to that of the former operator;
- E. the new operator provides a Certification of Applicant required by SDCL 1-40-27;
- F. the transfer of site ownership/operation is public noticed for at least 20 calendar days prior to the proposed transfer date; and
- G. DENR provides written approval of the transfer.

**1.11 DENR Limitation of Liability**

Any letter of authorization is specifically conditioned on the truth and accuracy of the statements made by the operator in the application to operate under this general permit. DENR assumes no liability for the truth and accuracy of the statements made by the operator in the application and any other submitted documents.

**1.12 Individual Permit Required**

DENR may require any operator requesting coverage under this general permit to apply for and obtain an individual solid waste permit if:

- A. the operator is not or cannot operate in compliance with the conditions of this general permit;
- B. the conditions or standards change such that restricted use solid waste disposal facilities no longer qualify for a general permit; or
- C. an operator is removed from the jurisdiction of this general permit as a result of a complaint and Board action according to SDCL 34A-6-58.

When an individual permit is issued to an operator otherwise authorized under this general permit, the applicability of this general permit to that operator is automatically terminated upon the effective date of the individual permit.

**1.13 Individual Permit Requested**

Any operator authorized under this general permit may request to be excluded from the authorization by applying for an individual solid waste permit.

**1.14 Duty to Comply – Penalties for Violations**

The operator shall construct, operate and maintain the restricted use solid waste disposal facility in accordance with SDCL 34A-6, ARSD 74:27, and the conditions of this general permit. If the

provisions of the laws, rules, or any conditions of this general permit are violated, DENR may take action to suspend or revoke a general permit authorization as provided for by SDCL 34A-6-1.21; may assess a civil penalty pursuant to SDCL 34A-6-1.4 and 34A-6-1.31; or issue a notice of violation with penalties pursuant to SDCL 34A-6-1.22.

**1.15 Stipulated Penalties**

In the event an authorized operator fails to comply with the provisions of this general permit, DENR reserves the right to develop and pursue an agreement with the operator for the assessment of stipulated penalties.

**1.16 Related Laws, Regulations and Permits**

No provision of this general permit exempts the operator from the requirements of any local, state, or federal laws, regulations, or rules in existence or promulgated after this general permit or an authorization becomes effective. It is the responsibility of the operator to obtain any other required permits and licenses.

**1.17 Duty to Provide Information**

The operator shall furnish DENR, within 10 business days, any information which DENR may request to determine compliance with this general permit.

**1.18 Duty to Provide Access**

The owner/operator shall allow DENR:

- A. to inspect or access the entire restricted use facility area authorized under this general permit and identified in the request for authorization;
- B. to inspect any facilities, equipment, records, practices or operations regulated or required by this general permit; and
- C. to sample or monitor any substances for any parameter.

**1.19 Emergency Procedures**

The operator must notify DENR, within one business day, of any emergency situation that arises at a restricted use solid waste disposal facility.

**1.20 Need to Halt or Reduce Activity not a Defense**

DENR will not consider that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with this general permit, when enforcing the conditions of this general permit.

**1.21 Duty to Mitigate**

The operator shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any adverse effect on human health or the environment.

**1.22 Responsibility and Liability of Owner or Operator**

In accordance with SDCL 34A-6-1.10, the owner or operator of a restricted use solid waste disposal facility authorized under this general permit is responsible in perpetuity for the solid waste and liable in perpetuity for any pollution or other detrimental effect caused by the solid waste.

**1.23 Administrative Changes Authorized**

DENR reserves the right to incorporate administrative changes and/or modifications to this general permit. Administrative changes are authorized for the purposes of changing or correcting:

- A. typographical errors;
- B. regulatory references;
- C. titles of organizations or regulatory agencies; or
- D. similar items that do not substantially change the requirements of this general permit.

## **2.0 LOCATION AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**

### **2.01 Facility Siting**

The operator **shall not** locate the restricted use site:

- A. within a wetland as defined by ARSD 74:27:07:01;
- B. within 200 feet of surface water, excluding wetlands, as defined by ARSD 74:51:01:01;
- C. within 1,000 feet of an occupied dwelling, unless the owner(s) provides written permission;
- D. within 100 feet of a property boundary, unless the adjacent property owner(s) provides written permission;
- E. within 1,000 feet of any private or public well which supplies drinking water for human consumption;
- F. where the depth to an aquifer, as defined by ARSD 74:54:02:01, is less than 10 feet;
- G. within a 100-year floodplain;
- H. where the primary subsurface material is sand or gravel as determined by the Unified Soil Classification System; or
- I. in an area that adversely affects wildlife, recreation, aesthetic value of an area, or any threatened or endangered species.

Occupied dwelling exception: Any occupied dwelling constructed less than 1,000 feet from a restricted use site after an initial general permit authorization has been granted will not be grounds to prevent future authorization renewals under this general permit.

### **2.02 Access Control**

The operator shall control access to the restricted use site through the use of fences and locked gates. In addition, the operator shall post a sign or signs at the site entrance stating the operator's name, phone number, type of facility, days/hours of operation, and acceptable waste materials. Directions for disposal should also be posted at the site entrance or within the facility boundaries.

### **2.03 Surface Water Control**

The operator shall construct and maintain soil berms or containment structures around active disposal areas, composting areas, and open burning areas to divert run-on and contain runoff from a 25-year, 24-hour storm event. The berms or structures shall be adequately constructed to prevent leakage. Storm water shall be diverted away from salvageable material storage areas.

### **2.04 Fire Control**

The operator shall:

- A. maintain a minimum 25-foot fire lane around areas used for open burning; and
- B. maintain a minimum 50-foot fire lane around each waste tire pile.

## **3.0 OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **3.01 Authorized and Unauthorized Wastes**

The operator may accept for disposal, burning, temporary storage or composting the waste materials listed in Table 1, in accordance with the specified requirements. The operator shall not accept for handling any of the unauthorized waste materials listed in Table 2. Any unauthorized waste found on-site must be removed from the facility and handled according to Table 2 procedures. The operator shall contact DENR to determine proper handling procedures for any waste material not clearly identified in Table 1 or 2.

### **3.02 Routine Inspections Required**

The operator shall inspect the facility at least weekly and on all days the facility is open to the public to evaluate permit compliance and to prevent and/or detect the disposal of unauthorized wastes. The site inspections shall be documented as required by Section 4.01(b) of this general permit.

**3.03 Vector Control**

The operator shall prevent or control on-site populations of disease vectors (rats, rodents, mosquitoes, etc.) by using techniques appropriate for the protection of public health and for preventing degradation of the environment.

**3.04 Waste Separation Required**

The operator shall place materials that are to be buried in piles or trenches that are well separated from burn piles, recycling piles, and composting areas.

**3.05 Open Burning Requirements**

The operator may periodically open burn trees, branches, brush, and untreated wood subject to existing state, federal, and local laws, rules, and regulations. The operator is responsible for removing waste materials other than trees, branches, brush, and untreated wood from the burn pile prior to burning. The local fire department, local law enforcement, and DENR shall be notified prior to open burning.

Open burning shall occur only:

- A. when the prevailing winds are away from adjacent residences;
- B. when smoke will not obscure visibility or create a traffic hazard on any public road; and
- C. during daylight hours.

Open burning shall not be conducted within 300 feet of a waste tire pile.

**3.06 Waste Tire Storage**

The operator shall store waste tires as follows:

- A. Each tire pile shall be surrounded by a 50-foot fire lane.
- B. All tire piles shall be maintained free of mosquitoes and rodents.
- C. Tire piles shall not be located within 300 feet of a burn pile or an open flame.
- D. Tire piles may not cover an area greater than 5,000 square feet or have a vertical height greater than 10 feet.
- E. Waste tires may not be stored on-site for more than one year from the date of receipt.

**3.07 Refrigerant Removal**

The operator shall ensure that refrigerants (Freon) are properly removed from refrigerant-containing appliances by certified technicians prior to recycling/crushing by a metals recycler.

**3.08 Yard Waste – Composting Required**

The operator shall place yard waste in piles or windrows to be composted. Yard waste may not be open burned or buried. The piles or windrows of yard waste shall be turned as needed to provide sufficient air to promote biological decomposition and to prevent odors. Moisture levels in yard waste piles or windrows should be maintained to also promote biological decomposition. Precipitation that collects within the runoff control area may be used to maintain moisture levels.

Reminder: Permit condition 2.03 requires the operator to divert storm water run-on around the composting area and contain runoff from the composting area.

**3.09 Salvaging Allowed**

The operator may allow the salvaging of waste materials for reuse or recycling, provided:

- A. salvaging is conducted in a planned manner that does not interfere with normal operation of the restricted use site; and
- B. salvaging does not pose a direct or deleterious threat to public health or the quality of the environment.

## **4.0 RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.01 Required Records**

The operator shall maintain all records required by this general permit and shall make records available to DENR as stated in ARSD 74:27:13:22. At a minimum, the records shall include:

- A. the amounts, sources, types, and dates for wastes received;
- B. documentation of the daily and/or weekly site inspections;
- C. documentation of unauthorized waste found on-site and the steps taken in response;
- D. records of any emergency conditions at the restricted use site;
- E. documentation of complaints received and responses to complaints;
- F. data on open burning activities at the site to include dates, weather conditions, and an estimate of the quantity of wood in the pile;
- G. documentation to verify that refrigerant (Freon) has been properly removed from all refrigerant-containing appliances;
- H. copies of the current general permit, request for authorization, authorization letter, certificate to operate, and any other permits or licenses required by state, local, or federal laws, rules, and regulations; and
- I. documentation identifying the quantity and destination of all material (waste tires, white goods/metal, compost, salvaged materials, etc.) removed from the site.

### **4.02 Maintenance of Records**

The operator shall maintain all required records for a period of three years from the date the records were generated.

## **5.0 CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

### **5.01 Closure Notification**

The operator shall notify DENR of the intent to close the restricted use site at least 90 days prior to closure.

### **5.02 Startup of Closure Activities**

The operator shall begin closure activities for all waste disposal areas of the facility within 30 days of receipt of the last load of waste.

### **5.03 Removal of Stored Wastes and Recyclables**

The operator shall remove all white goods, scrap metal, waste tires, and salvageable materials prior to closing the restricted use site. Removed materials shall be taken to a permitted solid waste disposal facility or recycler.

### **5.04 Final Closure Requirements**

The final cover and closure activities for the restricted use site shall meet the requirements of ARSD 74:27:15:03 and include:

- A. covering waste disposal areas/trenches with a minimum of two feet of earthen material capable of sustaining perennial vegetation;
- B. incorporating contours of the covered waste disposal areas/trenches and other reclaimed areas into the contours of the surrounding area;
- C. grading to prevent ponding of water;
- D. seeding and revegetating the entire closed restricted use site in accordance with Natural Resources Conservation Service recommendations; and
- E. posting a sign stating that the site is closed.

### **5.05 Completion of Final Closure**

The operator shall complete closure activities for the entire restricted use site within 180 days of receipt of the last load of waste.



**5.06 Notation on Deed Required**

The operator shall record a notation on the deed to the property or on some other instrument that is normally examined during a title search. The deed notation shall state that the land has been used as a solid waste disposal facility.

**5.07 Certification of Closure**

Upon completion of closure of the restricted use site, the operator shall provide DENR with a certification confirming that the provisions of the closure plan (if applicable) have been carried out, and that the facility has been closed in accordance with Section 5.0 of this general permit and the applicable performance standards of ARSD 74:27:15.

**6.0 Financial Assurance**

DENR will not typically require financial assurance for a facility authorized under this general permit as long as the operator complies with the environmental laws and rules of the state and the conditions of this general permit. However, DENR reserves the right to require financial assurance if violations occur or if unique circumstances dictate the need for financial assurance. If required, financial assurance shall comply with SDCL 34A-6-1.11 and 34A-6-1.12, and ARSD 74:27:16.

**Table 1  
Authorized Wastes  
Restricted Use Solid Waste Disposal Facility**

Under South Dakota law, local ordinances may further restrict some of the items listed below. The operator may choose not to accept some of the waste materials listed below.

<b>Type of Waste</b>	<b>Handling Procedures / Requirements</b>
<u>Construction and demolition debris:</u> Concrete, brick, stonework, asphaltic concrete, concrete block, asphaltic or fiberglass shingles, painted or stained wood, attached insulation, pipe, and similar wastes.	These wastes must be buried. These <b>wastes may not be burned</b> . Concrete, brick, stonework, asphaltic concrete, and concrete block may be buried or temporarily stored for subsequent recycling and reuse.
<u>Trees and untreated wood:</u> Scrap lumber, trees, tree branches, and brush. <b>Painted, stained, glued, or chemically treated wood is considered treated and may not be open burned.</b>	These wastes may be burned or buried. Wastes to be burned must be isolated in a separate area of the site. Contact the local fire department, DENR, and local law enforcement prior to open burning.
<u>White goods/metals:</u> Refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, stoves, water heaters and other recyclable scrap metals, <b>excluding</b> fuel tanks unless they have been cleaned and can be recycled.	These materials may be accepted for temporary storage only. A properly certified or trained individual must remove all refrigerants (Freon) from refrigerant-containing appliances prior to recycling.
<u>Waste tires</u>	Waste tires may be accepted for temporary storage only. Keep tires at least 300 feet away from any open flame. <b>Waste tires may not be burned or buried.</b> Storage is not to exceed one year.
<u>Miscellaneous wastes:</u> Carpets, chairs, couches, mattresses, linoleum, glass, and similar materials.	These wastes may not be burned. These materials must be buried.
<u>Ash</u>	<b>Only</b> ash from wood burning stoves or other household sources and authorized on-site open burning may be accepted for burial.
<u>Yard waste:</u> Leaves, grass clippings and similar vegetation.	<b>Yard waste may not be burned.</b> Yard waste must be composted. Reuse of compost shall be in compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws.

*Other wastes not listed above may be approved by DENR on a case-by-case basis. Waste not specifically listed above or approved by DENR must be removed and properly disposed at a permitted municipal solid waste landfill. DENR can be contacted at (605) 773-3153.*

**Table 2**  
**Unauthorized Wastes**  
**Restricted Use Solid Waste Disposal Facility**

The following wastes **are not allowed** to be accepted at a restricted use site. If these substances/materials are found at the site, proper specific handling procedures and requirements are stated below for operator use. DENR can be contacted at (605) 773-3153.

Type of Waste	Handling Procedures / Requirements
<u>Hazardous waste:</u> Waste oil, solvents, PCBs, ash, or similar wastes.	Isolate waste and contact DENR as soon as possible.
<u>Pesticide containers</u>	Waste must be removed from the site and taken to a permitted municipal solid waste landfill or contact the Department of Agriculture about recycling options.
<u>Regulated asbestos-containing materials</u>	Isolate waste and contact DENR as soon as possible. Waste must be taken to a permitted municipal solid waste landfill.
<u>Lead-acid batteries</u>	Waste must be removed from the site and taken to a recycler that accepts lead-acid batteries.
<u>Putrescible wastes:</u> Municipal solid waste and household garbage.	Waste must be removed from the site and taken to a permitted municipal solid waste landfill.
<u>Liquid waste:</u> Petroleum products, sludges, tar, paint, used motor oil, contaminated water, or other liquid wastes.	Isolate waste and contact DENR as soon as possible to determine appropriate disposal methods.
<u>Treated wood:</u> Wood treated with inorganic chemicals, chromated copper arsenate (CCA), pentachlorophenol (PCP), or creosote. CCA and PCP treated wood is commonly referred to as green or brown treated.	Waste must be removed from the site and taken to a permitted municipal solid waste landfill for disposal.
<u>Miscellaneous wastes:</u> Cardboard, plastic, plastic containers, Styrofoam, foam rubber, packaging materials, loose insulation, containerized paints, sealants, adhesives, and similar materials.	Waste must be removed from the site and taken to a permitted municipal solid waste landfill for disposal or recycled.
<u>Electronic wastes:</u> Televisions, computers, monitors, cell phones, VCRs/DVDs, and similar electronic waste materials	Electronic wastes must be removed from the site and taken to a recycler or permitted municipal solid waste landfill.
<u>Contaminated soil:</u> Soil contaminated with diesel fuel, fuel oil, kerosene, jet fuel, gasoline, pesticides, solvents, transformer oil, motor oil, lubricants, grease, tar, or similar materials.	Isolate waste and contact DENR as soon as possible to determine appropriate disposal methods.