In the past, federal regulations allowed many industries to dispose of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous wastes on-site, (especially since the off-site remedial options available to them were not feasible.) As a result, RCRA wastes tended to accumulate at their points-of-origin.

But maintaining hazardous wastes on-site can be problematic. There is the ongoing risk of liability in the event contaminants escape into the surrounding environment. The presence of hazardous materials can also make property redevelopment more difficult.

Fortunately, the 2002 amendments to the 1993 RCRA Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU) rule defined the types of wastes eligible for CAMU status and established the treatment requirements for those wastes before they can be accepted at specially permitted CAMU-approved off-site Subtitle “C” landfills. These regulatory changes have given companies new options for dealing with RCRA wastes.

WHAT IS “CAMU-ELIGIBLE” WASTE?

CAMU-eligible waste includes all solid and hazardous wastes, and all media (including groundwater, surface water, soils and sediments) and debris that contain listed hazardous wastes or that exhibit hazardous characteristics and are managed for implementing clean-up.

Two factors qualify waste for CAMU eligibility:
1) The waste must fall under RCRA definitions
2) Regulations must allow for this waste to remain on-site with no mandate for eventual clean-up

These new regulations give companies a wider range of disposal options and in many cases provide financial incentive to expedite clean-up efforts. However, only a select number of disposal facilities have been permitted to accept these new CAMU-eligible wastes. One of these select facilities is the Arlington, Oregon landfill owned and operated by Chemical Waste Management of the Northwest.

THE BENEFITS OF CAMU-ELIGIBLE WASTE DISPOSAL

Permanently disposing of CAMU-eligible waste at this Waste Management facility offers numerous benefits to companies of all sizes, including:

• Easier, safer and more affordable site clean-ups
• Accelerated remediation effects
• Allows owners to more easily sell or redevelop property
• Indemnification from future environmental risk
• The support, knowledge and expertise of Waste Management, North America’s largest and most experienced provider of solid waste services

In December 2002, Chemical Waste Management of the Northwest’s Subtitle “C” landfill received approval from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) to accept CAMU-eligible waste. (All incoming waste streams must first be reviewed by the Oregon DEQ.) The landfill is also the only such facility permitted to accept RCRA/TSCA waste.
In continuous operation since 1978, the Chemical Waste Management of the Northwest landfill sits on 1,288 acres surrounded by an additional 15,000 acres also owned by the company. Designed and operated under highly regulated and prescribed procedures, the landfill is engineered to protect surface and ground water through redundant environmental controls. Chemical Waste Management employs state-of-the-art multi-layer liner systems, leachate collection, groundwater monitoring and gas control systems along with highly effective operational procedures to ensure the landfill meets or exceeds all federal, state and local regulations.

To manage waste economically and in an environmentally safe manner, Chemical Waste Management of the Northwest offers a range of on-site services including:

- Hazardous waste disposal
- Stabilization
- Solidification
- Bioremediation
- Liquid solidification and disposal
- Spent potliner treatment
- Micro/macroencapsulation
- Solar evaporation
- Reactive metals treatment
- PCB handling, storage and disposal
- Bulk storage
- Drum storage and transfer

**WASTEByRAIL TRANSPORTATION**

Chemical Waste Management’s Arlington, Ore., facility is easily accessible from anywhere in North America through Waste Management’s exclusive WasteByRail system. Having formed strategic partnerships within all areas of the national transportation industry, Waste Management can transport virtually any volume of waste to its CAMU-permitted facility. The Chemical Waste Management facility maintains its own rail spur into the site, making rail transportation easy, affordable and environmentally safe.

For more information on Waste Management’s CAMU-eligible-waste disposal and WasteByRail services, contact your local Waste Management representative at 800-WMDisposal (800-963-4776).

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