

Technical Guideline (8)

Management of Recyclable Waste Material

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1.0 Introduction

This guidance Document is being issued in reference to the “Waste Acceptance and Disposal Policy in the Emirate of Dubai”, 2nd rev. 2013, as a supplement instrument in ensuring the implementation of the 3R of waste management, that is, the **Recycling, Reuse and Recovery** of all recyclable waste materials, and ensures that recyclables are diverted from landfill and disposed of in an environmentally acceptable manner.

This Document also provides the permit requirements for the proper disposal of any discarded recyclable materials or unwanted products which are generated in the Emirate of Dubai. It also specifies that only establishment with valid licensed activity is allowed to handle, store and process recyclable waste materials. This to ensures that discarded recyclable materials are not only diverted from landfill but are also recycled, reused or recovered (converted) into new products in an environmentally sound process.

2.0 Reference Legislations

2.1 This Technical Guidelines is issued in accordance to the “Waste Acceptance and Disposal Policy in the Emirate of Dubai” and in reference to the relevant provisions of the following legislations:

- Local Order No: 61 of 1991 on the Environment Protection regulations in the Emirate of Dubai;
- Local Order (No.) 115 of 1997 Concerning Management of Medical Wastes in the Emirate of Dubai; and
- Local Order (No.) 7 for the year 2002 on Management of Waste Disposal Sites in the Emirate of Dubai; as amended by Local Order No. (5) of 2003).
- (UAE) Regulation for Radioactive Waste Management (2004)
- (UAE) Regulation on Handling Hazardous Substances, Hazardous Wastes, and Medical Wastes

3.0 Objectives

- 3.1 With the primary objective of providing a mechanism for recycling of wastes in a sustainable manner, in minimizing waste generation and optimizing the use of resources.
- 3.2 Provide control mechanism for the control of illegal trade, unsafe handling and haphazard disposal of waste materials.
- 3.3 This will enable the monitoring of waste materials from the point of generation source, transport, temporary storage, through the recycling process, and to the final disposal point.

4.0 Approved List of Premises

- 4.1 Presented in Table 1 is the list of approved establishment having facility dedicated for the recycling of recyclable waste materials and processing them into new form of useful products.
- 4.2 Specified also in Table 1 are the types of recyclable waste materials allowed for which each establishment to deal with. But no one in this list of establishment is allowed to handle or process other type of waste material unless there is written permission from DM Environment Department.
- 4.3 Any person, organization, party or establishment not included in this approved list is not allowed to handle or recycle any type of waste material.
- 4.4 Any person, organization, party or establishment who intend to handle and recycle waste material must have all of the following:
 - a) Valid license with the appropriate waste processing activity specified as issued by the Dubai Economic Department or by the Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority;
 - b) Waste disposal request/application prepared by the Owner of waste material submitted to DM Environment Department;
 - c) "Letter of Undertaking" expressing the intent and full responsibility on the waste material. also must include the description of waste, quantity in kilograms, the means of handling and processing, expected resulting product or products, and the specific time frame of handling from the source to its final disposal point;

- d) Pre-approval certificate from EPSS in the form of either Environmental Clearance (EC) or “No Objection Certificate” (NOC)
- e) If the recycling premises or facility is located outside the Emirate of Dubai, there must be a valid NOC issued by the concerned environmental protection Authority of the Emirate receiving the waste; and

5.0 Transport

Transport of any hazardous waste material must be on a roadworthy vehicle with valid “Registration” from the Concerned Authority and “Permit” from Environmental Control Section (ECS) of DM Environment Department. Transport of any hazardous waste material from Dubai to any approved recycling premises located in other Emirates requires prior written approval from EPSS.

6.0 Fees

Any levied fees or charges shall be in accordance with the approved schedule as being implemented by Dubai Municipality.

7.0 Scope and Exemption

7.1 Application

This Technical Guidelines is applicable to all person, organization, party, premises, Owner of waste, and anyone who handles the waste material.

7.2 Exemption

Exempted from the requirements of this Technical Guidelines are certain type of waste materials, such as the military explosives, nuclear wastes, radioactive wastes, clinical wastes, and similar wastes which are exclusively controlled by specific Legislation and by the Concerned Authority.

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