

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.11104 Definitions; O to V.**

Sec. 11104.

(1) "Operator" means the person responsible for the overall operation of a disposal, treatment, or storage facility with approval of the department either by contract or license.

(2) "Site identification number" means a number that is assigned by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the United States Environmental Protection Agency's designee to each generator, each transporter, and each treatment, storage, or disposal facility. If the generator or transporter or the treatment, storage, or disposal facility manages wastes that are hazardous under this part and the rules promulgated under this part but are not hazardous under the solid waste disposal act, site identification number means an equivalent number that is assigned by the department.

(3) "Solid waste" means that term as it is defined in part 115.

(4) "Storage" means the holding of hazardous waste for a temporary period at the end of which the hazardous waste is treated, disposed of, or stored elsewhere.

(5) "Storage facility" means a facility or part of a facility where managed hazardous waste, as defined by rule, is subject to storage. A generator who accumulates managed hazardous waste, as defined by rule, on site in containers or tanks for less than 91 days or a period of time prescribed by rule is not a storage facility.

(6) "Surface impoundment" or "impoundment" means a treatment, storage, or disposal facility or part of a treatment, storage, or disposal facility that is a natural topographic depression, human-made excavation, or diked area formed primarily of earthen materials, although it may be lined with human-made materials, that is designed to hold an accumulation of liquid wastes or wastes containing free liquids, and that is not an injection well. Surface impoundments include, but are not limited to, holding, storage, settling, and aeration pits, ponds, and lagoons.

(7) "Technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material" or "TENORM" means naturally occurring radioactive material whose radionuclide concentrations have been increased as a result of human practices. TENORM does not include any of the following:

(a) Source material, as defined in section 11 of the atomic energy act of 1954, 42 USC 2014, and its progeny in equilibrium.

(b) Material with concentrations of radium-226, radium-228, and lead-210 each less than 5 picocuries per gram.

(8) "The solid waste disposal act" means title II of Public Law 89-272.

(9) "Transporter" means a person engaged in the off-site transportation of hazardous waste by air, rail, highway, or water.

(10) "Treatment" means any method, technique, or process, including neutralization, designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of any hazardous waste, to neutralize the waste, to recover energy or material resources from the waste, or to render the waste nonhazardous or less hazardous, safer to transport, store, or dispose of, amenable to recovery, amenable to storage, or reduced in volume. Treatment includes any activity or processing designed to change the physical form or chemical composition of hazardous waste so as to render it nonhazardous.

(11) "Treatment facility" means a facility or part of a facility where managed hazardous waste, as defined by rule, is subject to treatment.

(12) "Updated plan" means the updated state hazardous waste management plan prepared under section 11110.

(13) "Vehicle" means a transport vehicle as defined in 49 CFR 171.8.

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**Compiler's Notes:** For transfer of authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Waste Management Division to the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, see E.R.O. No. 1995-16, compiled at MCL 324.99901 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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