

Container Washing Procedure



Scope

This procedure details how drums and containers are selected and managed to ensure they are washed and decontaminated for re-use, onward processing, recycling or disposal.

Related Documents

- CERA003 Empty Drum and Container Washing

Personnel

A minimum of two people should carry out this operation. **Transfer Station Operative & Site Chemist** (minimum HNC or equivalent in Chemistry or related Discipline)

Instruction

Site Chemist to identify suitable batch of drums and or containers to be processed, each drum should be nominally empty and incompatible chemicals such as acid and alkalis must be kept in different batches to ensure no adverse chemical reaction. Site chemist will then instruct operator to process the selected batch of drums. Site Chemist will use reference guidance as well as analysis data on wastes to determine compatibility wastes for container for washing. Wastes which have the potential to react, generate heat, form gases during mixing will **NOT** be processed together.

Processing

- Operator to ensure that all necessary PPE required to worn for protection for the hazardous of the material identified
- Operator will select one drum/container at a time and each drum will be washed inside designated processing area.
- All drums and containers should be washed with in the designated washing area.
- The drum/container will be washed using the site pressure washer.
- Once washed the residues will be emptied into appropriate container prior to disposal.
- Washing repeated twice more
- Bulk container should be marked with unique identification number and hazards associated with the waste.
- Once washed and emptied the chemist should check that the drum/container is decontaminated.
- Once checked the drums/containers should marked and dated as decontaminated.
- Decontaminated drums/containers should then be moved to appropriate storage area prior to re-use, recycling or disposal

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