

Manifest and Licence to Transport Requirements under the B.C. Hazardous Waste Regulation for the Upstream Oil and Gas Sector

Upstream oil and gas waste and the B.C. Hazardous Waste Regulation (HWR)

Some wastes produced by the upstream oil and gas sector are hazardous waste. Hazardous waste is regulated in B.C. through the HWR. If movement offsite for storage or disposal is necessary, the transportation of hazardous waste requires:

- the use of a B.C. licenced hazardous waste transporter,
- completion of an approved manifest; and,
- a receiver of the waste who is authorized (the “consignee”).

Hazardous waste is defined in section 1 of the HWR. Sludge and solids accumulating in storage tanks (known as “tank bottoms”) are an example of hazardous waste common to the oil and gas sector. Waste that would classify as dangerous goods under federal Transportation of Dangerous Goods program are usually hazardous waste.

What are manifests?

Manifests are shipping documents used to track hazardous waste from the generator of the waste to the final receiver of the waste. Generators of hazardous waste may need to register as a generator of hazardous waste which can be completed on the [ministry’s website](#). The B.C. manifest is issued by the province of B.C. and is required for tracking waste within B.C. Most shipments of hazardous waste greater than or equal to 5 kg or 5 L need to be recorded using a B.C. issued manifest. Other shipping documents cannot be used to comply with the HWR unless the waste is being shipped directly to an international destination. A federal movement document issued by Environment and Climate Change Canada is used instead of a B.C. manifest.

Each B.C. manifest has a unique Manifest Reference Number. This number connects the waste, the waste generator, the transporter, and the receiving site (authorized consignee) for each shipment of hazardous waste. Each manifest is required to be completed with the B.C. Generator (BCG) number, the Licence to Transport (LT) number, and the authorized consignee HWR Registered Site number.

Manifests can be purchased individually at [FrontCounter BC](#), or through bulk order at the [Distribution Center \(Victoria\)](#). More information regarding manifests, including a product purchase list, is available online at [Hazardous Waste Manifests](#). For assistance in completing manifests and supplemental forms, please review the [HWR Manual for BC Manifests and Forms](#).

What is a Licence to Transport (LT)?

A licence is issued by the province of B.C. and a licenced transporter is required under the HWR any time a manifest is required for a shipment unless the transporter is the generator of the waste. If the transporter is the generator of the waste, a LT is only required for volumes of 5,000 L or more of waste oil, 500 L or more of liquid flammable wastes or 1,000 kg or more of solid flammable wastes. More information about the LT requirements, including how to apply, is available at [Transporting Hazardous Waste](#).

More information on the Hazardous Waste Regulation

Refer to the following link for more information, including contact information for follow-up questions: [Hazardous Waste Legislation and Regulations](#).

Note: This fact sheet is solely for the convenience of the reader. The current legislation and regulations should be consulted for complete information